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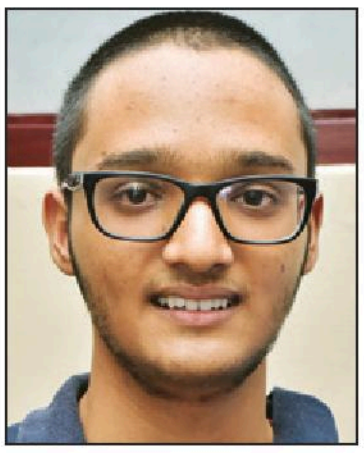
PUC: Udupi tops State

- Dakshina Kannada 2nd, Kodagu retains third place, Mysuru jumps to 15th from 17th spot
- Ananya Kanigalapula of Sadvidya Semi-Residential is Mysuru topper, Sharandeep of Sadvidya, Ajith Kumar of Vijaya Vittala share second place

GRADE-WISE RESULT

Distinction	:	54, 823
First Class	:	2,27,301
Second Class	:	80,357
Third / Pass Class	:	52,106
Total Passed Students	:	4,14,587

Ananya Kanigalapula



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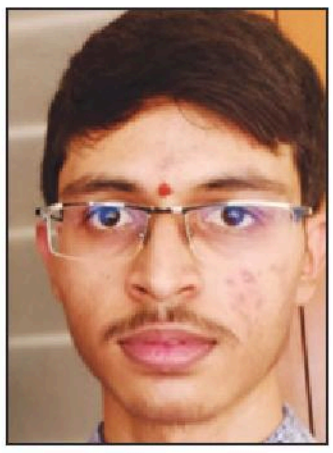

Ajith Kumar

Bengaluru, Apr.15 (KMS, MTY&BCT)- Karnataka Second PU results 2018-19 has witnessed a passing percentage of 61.73. The results were announced this morning at the Office of PU Board in Bengaluru by the Department of Pre-University Education Director C. Shikha and Principal Secretary, Primary and Secondary Education Department S.R. Umashankar.

Compared to last year's results (59.56 percent in 2017-18), the results this year have gone up by 2.17 percent. As many as 6,71,653 students had written the 2nd PUC exam and a total of 4,14,587 students passed. While 68.68 percent of freshers have passed, 27.37 percent repeaters have cleared the exams. 27.62 percent private candidates have passed this year.

Udupi district has topped the list with 92.20 percent followed by Dakshina Kannada with 90.91 percent. Kodagu district stood third with 83.31 percent. Mysuru, with 68.55 percent, secured 15th place. Even Vijayapura has secured 68.55 percent and has been placed in 14th place. Chitradurga district has secured 51.42 percent and is at the bottom of the list.

Girls have once again outdone boys with 68.24 pass percentage, whereas boys have scored 55.29 percent. Besides, rural students have scored more than the urban. Karnataka's rural PU students scored 62.88 percent and urban students secured 61.38 percent.

Students with special needs have performed well. 391 students with Dyslexia had appeared for the exam and 236 of them passed with a total of 60.35 percent. Pass percentage among ortho-impaired students is 69.83 percent.

Visually impaired students have got total 76.14 pass percentage. A total of 80 colleges have got 100 percent results while 98 colleges have scored zero percent result. As per the statement issued by the Department of Pre-University Education, 2,447 students secured 100 out of 100 in Mathematics paper.

In the Arts stream 2,00,022 appeared and of them, 1,01,073 have passed achieving a total pass percentage of 50.53, in Commerce stream, of 2,53,865 students, 1,68,531 have passed (66.39 percent). In the Science stream, 2,17,766 students appeared and of them, 1,44,983 have passed achieving a total pass percentage of 66.58.

In the Kannada medium, 2,94,002 appeared for the exam and of them, 1,61,923 have passed (55.08) and in the English medium, 3,77,651 appeared and of them, 2,52,664 have passed achieving a total pass percentage of 66.90.

THE TOPPERS: In the Arts stream, S. Swathi of Kottur Kudligi Independent PU College, Ballari, secured the first place with 595 marks, S.V. Ramesha of the same college in Ballari stood second with 593 marks and Goravara Kavyanjali, also from the same college, secured third position with 588. All the five toppers in the Arts stream are from the same college.

(See PUC on page 8)

Public campaign to end at 6 pm tomorrow

Polling from 7 am to 6 pm on Apr.18

Mysuru, Apr.15 (RK&DM)- With the Mysuru-Kodagu LS Constituency going to polls along with 13 others in the Southern Part of the State on Apr. 18, the public campaign will draw to a close at 6 pm tomorrow (Apr. 16).

Addressing a press meet at his Office here this morning, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abhiram G. Sankar, who is also the District Electoral Officer, said that the District Administration is fully geared up for ensuring free and fair polls.

Voting will take place from 7 am to 6 pm on Apr. 18 (Thursday), the DC said. In all, there are 18,95,066 voters in the Constituency and a total of 2,187 booths have been set up across the Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency, which comprises eight Assembly segments — six in Mysuru district and two in Kodagu district.

Mustering on Apr. 17

Stating that 2,406 Assistant Polling Booths in-charge and 4,812 Polling Officers have been deputed for poll duty, he said that mustering will take place at 8 centres — one each in every Assembly segment on Apr.17.

The mustering centre for NR Assembly segment is at JSS College on Ooty Road, for Chamaraja at Baden Powell Public School, for K.R. at Maharaja's College Centenary Hall, for Chamundeshwari at Maharani's Arts College for Women on JLB Road, for Hunsur segment at Devaraja Urs First Grade College, Hunsur, for Periyapatna at Pushpa Convent in Periyapatna Town, for Virajpet at Government Junior College, Virajpet town and for Madikeri segment at St. Joseph's Convent, Madikeri town.

(See CAMPAIGN on page 8)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

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In quest of *quality*

The already yawning gap between the myriad kinds of resources that people are greedily grabbing to *satisfy* their short-term happiness and the rapidly rising scarcity of most of the same resources doesn't seem to have prompted the present generation of humankind all over the world to slow down consumption even as the demon of consumerism is having its sway, particularly on urban populations, including India. The dramatic, unabated emergence of malls, super bazars, showrooms, departmental stores, five star hotels and even mobile eateries, as in Mysuru, is only adding fuel to fire as it were to worsen the scenario of resources - consumption gap. The two factors *quality* and *quantity* most often seem to be inversely connected. When resources that are critical for keeping our soul and limbs intact are scarce, particularly water and food, our mind is preoccupied with *quantity-driven* anxiety. We unwittingly turn our attention to quality driven desire when these and all other resources are up for grabs, irrespective of their consumer price.

The seniors among the senior sections of the population can testify their sense of happiness during the several decades back when cash was scarce but it could fetch their needs at cost which the present generation would dismiss as old wives' tale as it were. Even the then double-digit monthly income kept the family members in a reasonable state of wellness, speaking eloquently about the *quality* of money in the face of its scarce *quantity*.

During the early 1950s, as the elderly in Mysuru (then Mysore) can recollect, any consumer product made in Japan was considered flimsy while those made in England, such as the razor blade, earned high rating. More importantly, the elderly can be heard eulogising the administration during the colonial rule for the *quality* of Government employees marked by exemplary work ethics, which may not go down well in the circles of *deshpremis*. The list of materials and consumer goods produced indigenously that suffer harsh remarks from people at large is very long. The regularly occurring collapse of buildings even before their construction is completed, as reported in the dailies, speaks volumes about the dismal quality of work, exposing the disturbing ethos of those in charge.

According to a global talent trends study, the results of which was published in a section of the press last week, more than three-fourths of Indian companies plan to automate work in their establishments in the next 12 months. The outcome of their initiative may raise quality of their products, but the prospect of rise in unemployment of educated youth also looms large.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The Pulwama terror attack and subsequent developments have exposed a gaping hole in our liberal conscience: The lack of a cogent view on national security. We know what is not to be done. War-mongering is obviously no solution. We point out, rightly so, that any knee-jerk reaction would be counter-productive. But, what about this instance? What about all the instances before the last one? The trouble is that most of us a most of our lives in those in-between instances. And this liberal response does not equip us to deal with real life questions that we face. *— Yogendra Yadav in Business Standard.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Hunter unrepentant after killing over 5,000 elephants

Bulawayo: Claiming that it's conservationists who are the problem, 77-year-old Ron Thompson, a Zimbabwean hunter who had killed over 5,000 elephants, hundreds of buffaloes and many wild animals in his career, has recently declared himself "totally unrepentant" about his job.

The retired hunter recently said that he was never driven by bloodlust, as many would assume, but by the knowledge that animal populations must be controlled to make sure they "don't increase beyond the capacity of their habitat." He claimed that despite the fraudulent lies spread by so-called conservationists, to him shooting thousands of animals dead was only a job.

"The African elephant is nowhere near extinct," Thompson said. "People who say this are animal-rights NGOs who ask for money and tell lies to get it. When you have a healthy population you must ensure they don't increase beyond the capacity of their habitat."

'Cow Toilet' that curbs ammonia pollution

Amsterdam: Henk Hanskamp, a Dutch inventor and a businessman has developed an ingenious toilet that collects some of the 15 to 20 liters of urine that the average cow produces in a day.

Cows aren't regarded as the smartest creatures in the animal kingdom, but Hanskamp claims they can be taught to use the toilet. Dutch agricultural machinery manufacturer Hanskamp has been working on the 'Cow Toilet' for the last couple of years and according to early tests it could prove a viable solution to the world's increasingly worrisome ammonia pollution problem.

While most cows require stimulation in order to use the cow toilet, some of them have gotten so used to it that they just urinate in it naturally.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How many of our calories come from high fructose corn syrup?

Fructose makes up 10 % of the American diet. The average American consumes the equivalent of a 16-OZ soft drink per day. That works out to about 50 gallons per year. Is it any wonder that Americans are becoming diabetic in record numbers?

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BHASANGE Balaga's 81st monthly concert on Apr.21

City's cultural organisation Bhanuvara Sanje Geleyara Balaga, popularly known as BHASANGE Balaga, is presenting two Karnatak classical music vocal concerts at Vasudevacharya Bhavana of Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, Mysuru, on Sunday (Apr. 21) at 6 pm.

BHASANGE Balaga is providing platforms for young talents in the field of performing arts by organising events on a monthly basis. The artistes for the current month are two very talented young vocalists.

The first concert will be presented by **Suhas Bharadwaj** of Mysuru. Son of Premalatha and Rajendra Bharadwaj of Hassan, Suhas is a computer engineer, working as Assistant Professor at the National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru. He started his musical journey at a very young age with Vid. B.N.S. Murali of Hassan. He has earned scholarships from Music and Dance Academy, Karnataka, in both classical and light music streams. He has completed his Vidwat exams conducted by KSEEB securing first rank.

Since many years, BHASANGE Balaga is hosting the top performers from Nadakishora competitions conducted every year by Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha. For 2018-19 **N.H. Sri Hari Bhat** of Bengaluru received best male vocalist award and hence got himself a chance to perform under BHASANGE banner.

Shri Hari Bhat *Suhas*

A young budding professional Karnatak vocalist, Bhat started learning Karnatak music at a tender age of 8 years under Mangala, D.V. Nagarajan and further has taken up Advanced Proficiency level training under the tutelage of *Padma Shri* awardee Dr. R.N. Tharanathan. Within few years of starting learning Karnatak vocal, his talent was recognised. He represented his school/college in inter-school/college events and won prizes and accolades. He also participated in music competitions held by prestigious organisations at State and National-levels and won prizes.

On Apr. 21, both artistes will be accompanied by **M. Keshav** on violin and **Nandan Kashyap** on mridanga. BHASANGE Balaga welcomes all music-lovers to the concert. Entry is free.

Really...?

- ***There are 26 bones in the human foot.***
- ***The human hand, including the wrist, contains 54 bones.***
- ***The femur, or thighbone, is the longest and strongest bone of the human skeleton.***
- ***The stapes, in the middle ear, is the smallest and lightest bone of the human skeleton.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

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VOICE OF THE READER

Service Road turns
parking lane for car service

Sir,

The East running Service Road of Ring Road in Kanakadasanagar near Sa.Ra. Convention Hall has been turned into a parking lane for damaged cars that need to be tended by a car service shop.

Apart from the Service Roads on this stretch gaping with open manholes and water drains, these types of encroachments are diminishing the usage of Service Roads by motorists. Will the authorities concerned look into this?

—Balaji

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Crorepati doctor's house burglary

Cops screen known persons

Mysuru, Apr. 15 (RK&BCT)- The Vijayanagar Police are looking for vital clues and are making serious efforts to trace the burglars who looted the palatial house of a doctor at Vijayanagar. The Police are screening the suspects as it has now emerged that only persons in the know of cash and valuables kept in the house could have committed the burglary or they would have tipped off the thieves.

The burglary in the house of Dr. Rajiv, a chemotherapist at a private hospital in city, came to light on the morning of Apr. 11 when the doctor, who was away with his family, reported the incident to the Police. The family was away in Bengaluru when the theft took place and the family had switched off CCTV cameras before locking the house

and leaving for Bengaluru.

Five kgs of gold, 30 imported watches and Rs. 11 lakh cash kept in two lockers were burgled and one of the lockers was under the bed. The Police are looking out for household workers, present maids and past workers who have worked in the house and have knowledge about the lockers.

Frequent visitors to the house are also being screened and based on Dr. Rajiv's call records, clues are being listed to trace the culprits. The associates of the family are also being screened and the Police are scanning more than 2,000 call record details looking for possible breakthrough.

Police sources said that the people who were involved in the making and design of the lockers too are being screened as they would have passed on the information to burglars. Thieves pried open the iron gate of the passage of the house and broke open the back door from where they gained entry into the house.

Burglars had entered the first floor of the house through the back door and broke open the two lockers that were in the two master bed rooms and made away with gold jewels, cash and imported watches, Police said.

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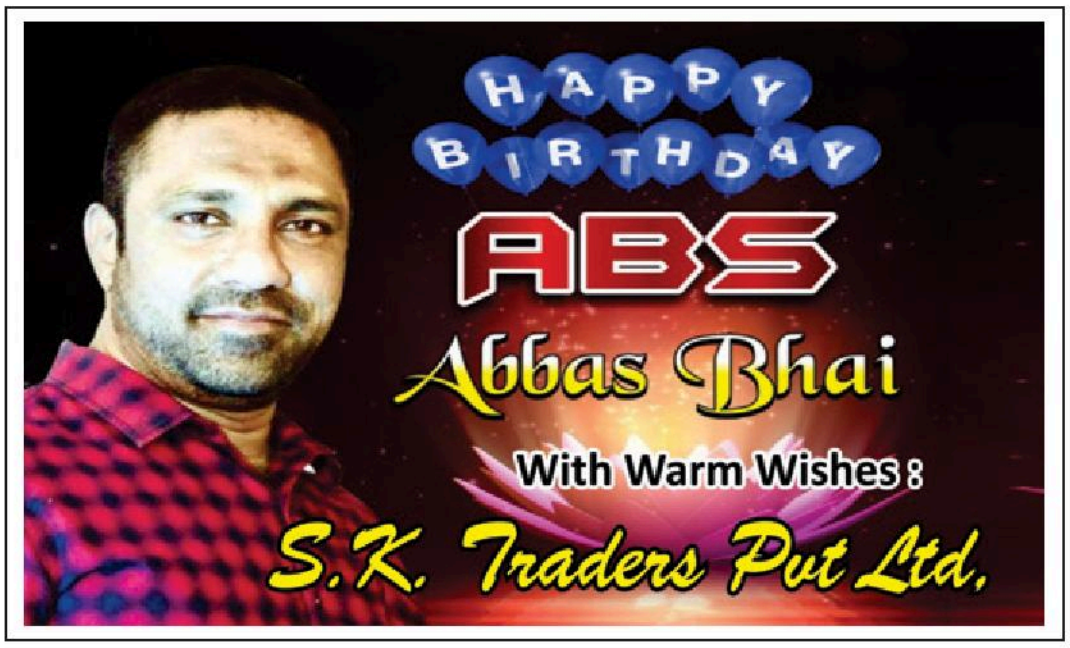

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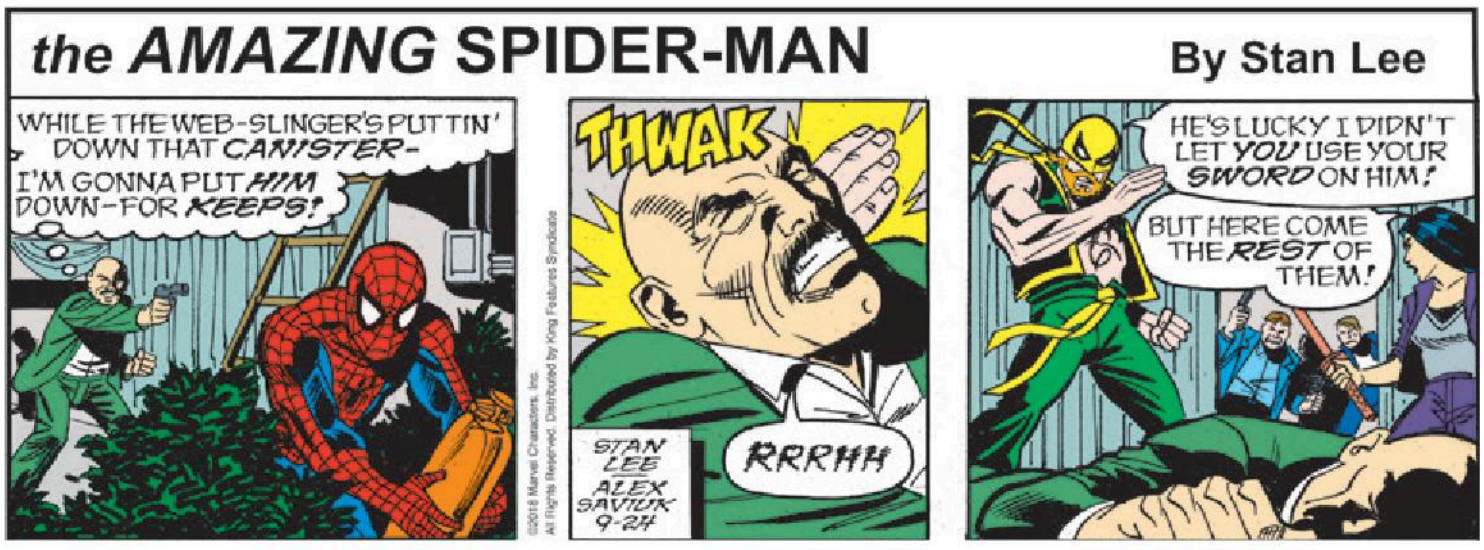
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Coalition Government won't last beyond LS polls: BSY

Mysuru, Apr.15 (YDS&DM)- State BJP President and former CM B.S. Yeddyurappa (BSY) has said that the JD(S)-Congress Coalition Government will not last beyond the Lok Sabha polls.

Speaking at a meeting of Party Pramukhs (leaders) organised by the city unit of the BJP at Aradhya Mahasabha in Chamundipuram here on Sunday, Yeddyurappa said he was thrilled on seeing the huge crowd at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rally at Maharaja's College Grounds recently.

Asserting that the BJP would win 300 plus seats in the LS polls, BSY said the State BJP was hopeful of winning 22 seats and one among them is Mysuru-Kodagu LS seat.

Claiming that over 20 Congress Legislators would jump ship once the LS elections are over, BSY reiterated that the life of the Coalition Government would end with the 2019 polls.

Accusing Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy of running a 'Tughlaq Durbar', the State BJP Chief expressed concern over alleged JD(S) plans to spend Rs. 150 crore for winning Mandya LS seat, in which the CM's son Nikhil is contesting on a JD(S) ticket as the coalition candidate.

Congress leaders, who joined BJP in city yesterday, seen with State BJP President B.S. Yeddyurappa, Mysuru-Kodagu candidate Pratap Simha, State BJP in-charge Muralidhar Rao, MLA S.A. Ramdas and others.

Alleging that the JD(S) was engaged in large scale poll malpractices to win in Hassan and Tumakuru as well, he said that the electorate will teach a bitter lesson to Coalition Government in the LS polls.

Maintaining that the Congress has no right to speak about Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as it was the Congress which had insulted him time and again, Yeddyurappa questioned why the Congress did not honour Dr. Ambedkar with 'Bharat Ratna.'

On senior BJP leader V. Sreenivasa Prasad's candidature from Chamarajanagar, BSY said that though Prasad was unwilling to contest, he chose to enter the fray following directions from the party High Command.

Lashing out at the Congress for making attempts to divide Veerashaiva-Lingayat Community, Yeddyurappa asked the party workers to ensure victory of Pratap Simha in Mysuru-Kodagu and Sreenivasa Prasad in Chamarajanagar LS seats.

Pointing out that his son Vijayendra has been campaigning extensively in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar, Yeddyurappa said the victory of his other son B.Y. Raghavendra from Shivamogga LS seat was certain as he had done good work as an MP.

State BJP in-charge Muralidhar Rao, in his address, said that it was time for the electorate to decide whether they want a strong Prime Minister in Narendra Modi or a weak and corrupt leader from among the 'Mahagathbandhan' Opposition leaders.

Emphasising on the need for re-electing Modi as the PM in the interests of the nation, Rao said that only Modi has the courage to fight enemy nations, while the Opposition leaders have a soft corner for countries promoting terrorism.

Appealing the electorate to re-elect BJP Government at the Centre, he exhorted the party workers to work overtime for ensuring the victory of the party candidates.

MP Pratap Simha, in his address, said that he had done his best for the overall development of Mysuru-Kodagu.

Appealing the party workers to leave no chances for reaching out to the voters he urged the electorate to come out in large numbers on the polling day (Apr.18) and cast their valuable vote for the BJP.

City BJP President Dr. B.H. Manjunath, Mysuru-Kodagu BJP in charge Dr. Vamanacharya, leader N.V. Phaneesh and others were present.

Fake Facebook account

Sumalatha Ambarish to lodge complaint with Cyber Crime Police

Mysuru, Apr. 15 (KS)- Independent candidate from Mandya Lok Sabha Constituency Sumalatha Ambarish has decided to lodge a complaint with Cyber Crime Police against some miscreants who have opened a Facebook account in her name and uploading wrong and false messages.

The fake Facebook page resembles the original one and the message, *"No one has the rights to stop the flowing water. Let there be no differences between languages. The blood that flows in every body is red. Tamil farmers are like our farmers. Let us give them water that remains after we have used it..."* in Tamil and Kannada languages has been allegedly uploaded in the page besides urging to vote for Sumalatha.

Sumalatha, who has mentioned the above in her original Facebook page, has stated as follows:

"Wrong messages are being circulated in Facebook after creating a Facebook page in my name. I have nothing to do with that Facebook page. I have instructed to lodge a complaint with the Cyber Crime Police. Those who cannot face me directly in the election are indulging in such activities. You have to give reply to all these."

'Strong PM means Body Builder?' mocks C.M. Ibrahim

Mysuru, Apr. 15 (PM&DM)- Questioning the BJP whether a strong Prime Minister meant a 'Body Builder,' Congress MLC and former Minister C.M. Ibrahim lashed out at the BJP saying that the country does not need a PM, who will most of the times be out of the country and who does not care for the plight of common people.

C.M. Ibrahim

Addressing a press meet here on Sunday, Ibrahim said the BJP Government at the Centre had failed on all fronts and did not have a firm foreign policy.

Claiming that the UPA headed by Dr. Manmohan Singh ensured the security of the country, Ibrahim said that what the country needed today was leaders who take up social causes.

Defending family politics, Ibrahim wondered what was wrong if children of H.D. Deve Gowda, H.D. Kumaraswamy, Siddharamaiah and B.S. Yeddyurappa enter politics on their own capability and leadership.

Lashing out at MP and Mysuru-Kodagu LS seat BJP nominee Pratap Simha, he accused the MP of creating communal tension. Urging PM Modi to come out with the plot behind the Pulwama attack, he appealed the electorate to vote for coalition candidate C.H. Vijayashankar.

Hitting out at State BJP Chief B.S. Yeddyurappa for making relentless efforts to topple the Coalition Government, Ibrahim sarcastically said that as all previous attempts of the BJP to destabilise the Government had failed, it was better for the party to engage an agency for pursuing its ill-conceived moves.

"Say Nikhil is in our hearts!" CM Kumaraswamy's counter to *Nikhil yellidyappa...* troll

Mandya, Apr.15 - Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy held a whirlwind campaign for his son Nikhil Kumaraswamy in K.R. Nagar taluk of Mandya Lok Sabha Constituency yesterday.

Expressing his ire against the troll *'Nikhil yellidyappa...'* that has gone viral on the social media, he countered it by asking his party workers to shoot back telling *'Nikhil namma hrudayadalliddane...'* meaning Nikhil is in our hearts.

A few of the youths asked him about the troll *'Nikhil yellidyappa'* while the CM was campaigning with his son Nikhil in Narayanapura village. He told them that he knew who was trolling and asked them to tell that *'Nikhil is in our hearts.'*

Seeks votes and disappears: Launching a tirade against Mandya Lok Sabha independent candidate Sumalatha Ambarish, who is also his son Nikhil's opponent, Kumaraswamy said that instead of supporting the people who come to seek votes during the elections and disappear, it is better to cast votes in favour of candidates who will always be there amidst the people and respond to their problems.

As announced in the Budget, the Government is committed to waive off farmers' loans completely, he said and added since the Coalition Government needs some more support to complete other development programmes, the voters' support is very important. There is a strong wave in favour of coalition candidates throughout the State and hence we are confident of winning maximum number of seats, said Kumaraswamy.

'Set up Ward Committees to respond to common man's problems'

Social Activist Vidyaranya speaking at the MGP meeting in Yadavagiri yesterday.

Mysuru, Apr.15 (MK&NNN)- Setting up of Ward Committees in city is the best way to respond to common man's problems, suggested social activist Vidyaranya. He was speaking at the monthly meeting organised by Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) at its office premises in Yadavagiri here yesterday and said that under the Municipal Corporation Act, even though there is provision for setting up of Ward Committees, it has not been possible to do so till now.

In 2011 under NURM (National Urban Renewal Mission) just to get the grant it was shown that the Act had been implemented. However, according to the Act, even though efforts were made to form the Ward Committees, it did not prove fruitful. In 2008 when P. Manivannan was the Corporation Commissioner, he tried to implement it. But due to political pressure, he had to drop the idea, said Vidyaranya.

If Ward Committees are set up then development works can take place based on the local citizens' views. It will also help to understand every issue. The Ward Committees will help fulfil people's aspirations, he said.

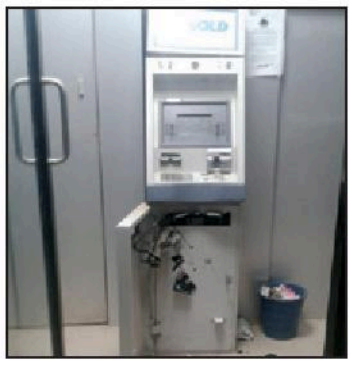
Later, District SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) Member Krishna gave information on the workings of the Election Commission, voter's ID issues and how it can be resolved.

MGP to set up Ward Committees: The Members of the MGP decided to independently set up Ward Committees. When a question was raised about the way the Ward Committees should be set up, MGP Member Dinesh said, it would be set up with the cooperation of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC).

The problems that come up in the Wards will be brought to the notice of the MCC immediately by the Ward Committee members and then taking the opinion of the local people, suggestions will be given to MCC, he added.

MGP President H. Srimathi Hariprasad, Convenor Raghavendra, Member Jagannath and others were present.

Miscreants loot cash from ATM



Mysuru, Apr.15 (Biligiri&KS)- Miscreants have looted cash from an ATM kiosk at Jayapura in the taluk on Friday night.

The ATM belongs to Bank of India, Jayapura Branch. As there was no security guard at the ATM, the miscreants found it easy and as the bank was closed on Saturday, the theft had not come to light.

The theft came to light when a customer entered the kiosk to withdraw cash, found the ATM broken and immediately informed Jayapura Police.

The Police, who rushed to the spot, inspected the place and have registered a case.

It is learnt that as the Bank was closed on Saturday, CCTV footages and the quantity of cash stolen were not available.

Unnatural deaths in city

Mysuru, Apr.15 (YDS&KS)- In separate cases, three unnatural deaths have been reported in city. While one person had committed suicide, the other was found dead at his home and another person was found dead near a bus stop in city.

In the first case, Ibrahim (58), a resident of Gayathripuram, who was said to be depressed, committed suicide by consuming poison, according to Police.

Nazarbad Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

In the second case, Papegowda (54), a resident of Kuvempunagar, was found dead in a suspicious manner at his house. His body was found in a sitting posture in front of the computer at his house.

Deceased Papegowda was working at a warehouse belonging to the Food and Civil Supplies Department at Kollegal.

Papegowda's family members, who had gone to a relative's house, returned on Sunday and found him dead.

Kuvempunagar Police have registered a case in this regard.

In the third case, V.V. Puram Police have found a body of an unidentified person, aged about 65 years near the bus stop in front of Sri Lakshmi Venkataramanaswamy Temple on KRS Road on Apr.13.

The deceased is oily red complexioned, oval faced, 5 ft. tall, has the names 'RANGAMMA' and 'BORAMMA' tattooed on his right hand and the names 'SHANTAMMA, MURTHY and RAMA' tattooed on his left hand and was found wearing black coloured pant, brown striped shirt and a green and black T-shirt.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact V.V. Puram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418314/ 2418514 or Control Room on 0821-2418339/ 40, according to a release from V.V. Puram Police.

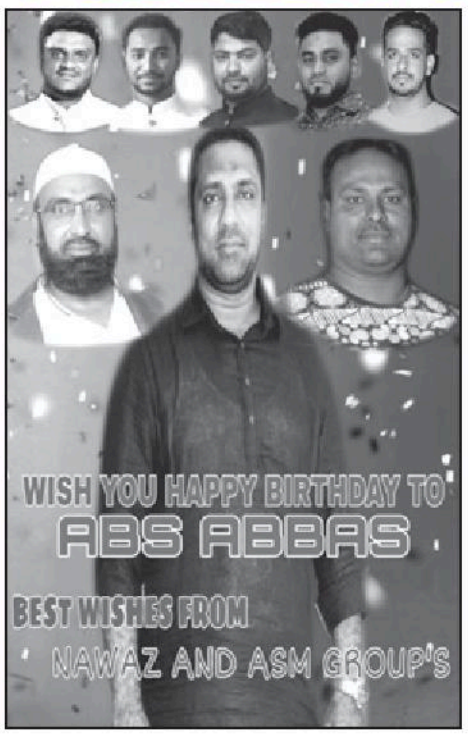
Two arrested for smuggling wild Partridges

Hanur, Apr.15 (KS)- The Forest Department personnel have arrested two persons on charges of smuggling wild Partridge birds from forest on Sunday.

The arrested are Jnanaprakash and Jack Benatic of Megaladoddi village. The accused had caught 10 wild Partridge birds which had come out from Kothanur Banur Beat in Kothanur Section.

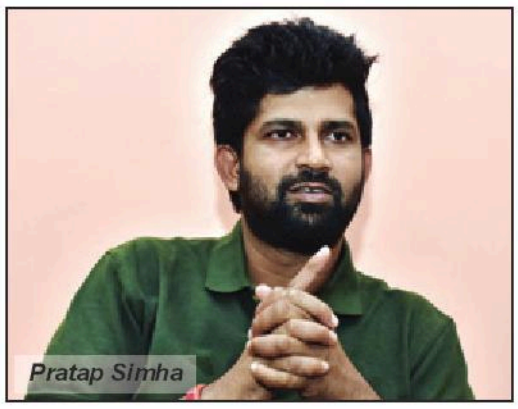
They had killed four birds and were smuggling them along with six live ones, when they were caught by the Forest staff. The Forest Department, after registering a case, has handed over the accused to judicial custody.

ACF Ankaraju, RFO Farah, Forest Guards Anil Valekar, Anil Parashetty, Rakesh Singh and Pundalika Tantikar took part in the operation.



MYSURU-KODAGU: POLL ANALYSIS

Hardliner Pratap Simha holds the ace against Vijayashankar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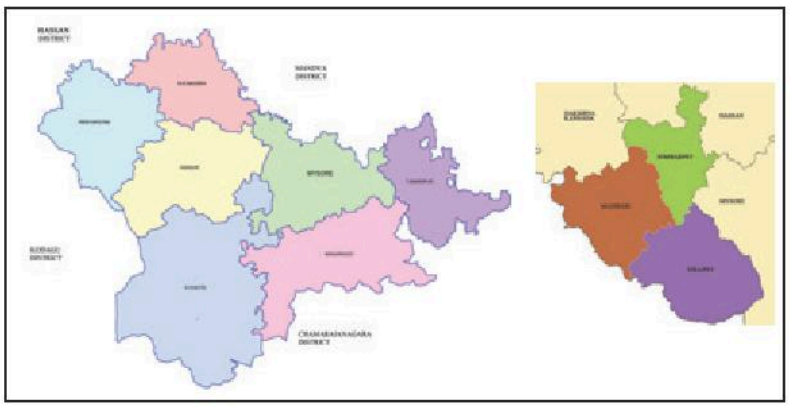

Vijayashankar

Mysuru, Apr. 15 (UNI)- In the home turf of Mysuru Lok Sabha segment, Congress strongman Siddharamaiah is facing an acid test on the lines of neighbouring Mandya where Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy is waging a high-stake battle in favour of his son Nikhil Kumaraswamy, who is pitted against actress Sumalatha Ambarish.

The election fever is turning hotter in the Mysuru segment which has turned a BJP stronghold after the advent of sitting BJP MP and outspoken Pratap Simha, who is giving sleepless nights to Siddharamaiah. Siddharamaiah had convinced the party high command to nominate C.H. Vijayashankar, who shifted his base from BJP to Congress recently.

For the first time in recent decades, Mysuru-Kodagu will witness a direct fight in which the Congress-Janata Dal (Secular) combine will be pitted against the BJP, besides a slew of independents and political parties on the fringes, who are likely to end up as passers-by.

Shrinking victory margin

It looks like an even contest. Though the Congress has won eight of the 10 elections held since 1977, the BJP managed to wrest the seat from the Congress on three occasions (1998, 2004 and 2014) and with the victory margin gradually shrinking — as evident in the results of the last three Parliamentary elections — the Constituency is no longer a "safe seat" by any reckoning for both Congress and the BJP.

The Constituency is a blend of Vokkaligas, Kurubas, Dalits, Lingayats, Naiks and religious minorities, and caste equations, as in most other Constituencies, play a significant role in the final outcome here. After 2009 delimitation, the Constituency comprises Krishnaraja, Narasimharaja, Chamaraja, Hunsur, Periyapatna and Chamundeshwari Assembly segments from Mysuru district and Madikeri and Virajpet Assembly segments from Kodagu district.

Region's growth potential

On the development front, Mysuru urban is witnessing a sea-change due to the spill-over effect of Bengaluru's never-ending growth, and improved connectivity. The gradual influx of Information Technology companies, growth in tourism and projection of Mysuru as a preferred investment destination has resulted in large-scale conversion of agricultural land for non-agricultural purposes and is changing the occupation profile in Mysuru taluk.

Though Mysuru was traditionally a Congress bastion, the gradual rise of the BJP across the political landscape in the country had its impact in this Constituency as well and the party wrested the seat for the first time in the 1998 elections.

Edge for Pratap Simha

Pratap Simha made the difference in 2014. Despite being a political novice, the journalist-turned-politician made waves during his five-year term and with the backing of voters in Kodagu district, which is part of the segment, he is likely to have an edge.

Out of the 8 Assembly segments under Mysuru-Kodagu LS seat, four were won by the BJP (Chamaraja, Krishnaraja, Madikeri and Virajpet), three by JD-S (Chamundeshwari, Hunsur, Periyapatna) and the lone seat won by Congress in Narasimharaja Constituency.

Vibrant political activism

Also, the region has a history of vibrant political activism which evolved during the freedom struggle, and in response to popular demand, erstwhile Mysore Kingdom ruler Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV introduced reservation in jobs for backward class groups in the State services in 1919 that became a benchmark for reservation policy in India after Independence.

BJP won the segment on two more occasions — in 2004 and 2014 when the Constituency used to witness a triangular fight involving the Congress, BJP and the Janata Party in its different avatars, including the Janata Dal since 1996.

Fertile land, agrarian economy

Geographically, Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency is part of the Cauvery basin in Old Mysuru region. Drained by two major rivers, the Cauvery and the Kapila, the economy is agrarian with the bulk of the country's tobacco and coffee cultivated in the region.

Mysuru-Kodagu has an agrarian economy with crops like paddy, coffee and tobacco.

Tourism is another important sector having a bearing on the local economy of both Mysuru and Kodagu and the city's proximity to India's Silicon Valley Bengaluru, which is 140 kms away, has helped Mysuru emerge as an investment destination with potential, altering the region's social profile in the recent times.

Vote share

But statistics indicate that the combined vote share of the Congress and the Janata Dal has been numerically higher than what the BJP had harvested in all the elections, at least in recent elections when it grew strong, that it won since 1998. Political observers are of the view that the ensuing battle between the Congress-JD(S) combine against the BJP will be an interesting tussle in which the latter cannot have it easy despite Pratap Simha being active and hogging the limelight.

It was in the 1998 elections that the BJP first breached the Congress citadel and its candidate Vijayashankar, now being fielded as a Congress candidate, polled 3,55,846 votes against his nearest rival S. Chikkamadu of the Congress who got 2,52,822 votes. Janata Dal candidate was G.T. Devegowda who secured 2,23,385 votes and the combined vote share of both the Congress and the Janata Dal surpassed the number of votes polled by the BJP by a huge margin.

The second time the BJP won was in 2004 elections when the victory margin was hardly 10,000 votes and Vijayashankar polled 3,16,442 votes as against 3,06,292 votes by A.S. Guruswamy of the JD(S) while late scion of Mysore royal family Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar of the Congress got 2,99,227 votes and trailed in the third place. But the combined votes of both the Congress and the JD(S) were higher than the votes secured by the BJP.

In the 2014 elections, under the Modi wave, BJP candidate Pratap Simha polled 5,03,908 votes while A.H. Vishwanath of Congress trailed behind him by securing 4,72,300 votes. Combining the votes polled by JD(S) candidate S. Chandrashekharaiah, who secured 1,38,587 votes, Congress-JD(S) combination had a higher vote share in a Constituency of nearly 17.23 lakh voters.

Advantage BJP

But in this election whether the vote combination will be the same, paving way for Congress candidate Vijayashankar or will BJP's Pratap Simha again ride on Modi wave, will be known only on May 23. BJP always won when the Opposition was divided and hence it would be interesting to see if the BJP can ward off the challenge posed by a combined opposition in Mysuru. Though statistics are against it, BJP functionaries aver that despite pretensions of being united, the shadow boxing of the JD(S) and the Congress continues and will be reflected in the polling as well to benefit the BJP. They say that people would vote for a strong and decisive Government at the Centre, thus hinting that the BJP would also depend on the Modi factor to swing the results in its favour.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Siddharamaiah faces acid test as he convinced Congress High Command to field Vijayashankar
- Congress has won eight of the 10 elections held since 1977
- BJP wrests power from Congress on three occasions — 1998, 2004 and 2014
- Constituency is a blend of Vokkaligas, Kurubas, Dalits, Lingayats, Naiks and religious minorities
- Mysuru urban witnessing a sea-change due to Bengaluru's growth
- Agrarian economy with the bulk of the country's tobacco and coffee cultivated in the region
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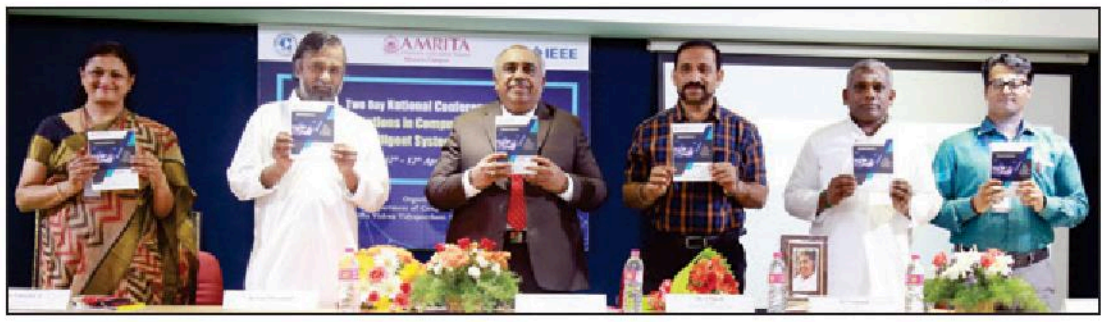
VC calls upon young researchers to be creative for a better society



Prof. C. Vidya Pai (extreme left), Principal, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru Campus; Br. Sunil Dharmapal, Director, Amrita Mysuru Campus; Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore; Dr. S. Murali, President, MIT-Mysuru; Br. Venugopal, Correspondent, Amrita Mysuru Campus and Adwitiya Mukhopadhyay, Chairperson, Department of Computer Science, seen releasing the proceedings of the National Conference.

Mysuru, Apr.15- A two-day National Conference on "The Recent Innovations in Computing, Communication and Intelligent Systems" (RICCIS'19) organised by the Department of Computer Science, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru campus, was inaugurated by Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore, recently at its premises in Bogadi.

In his inaugural address, the VC mainly focused on artificial intelligence, data mining and evolution of computers. Young brains of India are very essential for innovation and creative thoughts. Young researchers have a lot of opportunities and should put forth their creative inputs for betterment of the society. He called upon students to actively indulge in research which has social implications and will help solve contemporary problems in the world.

Dr. S. Murali, President, Maharaja Institute of Technology (MIT), Mysuru, who delivered the keynote address, contrasted machine intelligence to the natural intelligence displayed by humans and animals. He opined that knowledge, today, is not deposited in human minds alone, but also artificially stored with the help of cloud data in devices like mobile phones. He went on to compare conventional computing technology with quantum technology by citing apt analogies.

Prof. C. Vidya Pai, Principal, Amrita School of Arts and Sciences, who presided, said that in the recent NIRF 2019 ranking, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham has secured 8th Rank for the second consecutive year in the University category. She also said these academic activities like conferences and workshops will help in updation and upgradation of knowledge.

Br.Sunil Dharmapal, Director and Br. Venugopal, Correspondent of Mysuru campus; Adwitiya Mukhyopadhyay, Chairperson, Department of Computer Science, were present on the occasion.

A pre-conference workshop on "Data Analytics using R: A Research Perspective" was also held as an add-on to the conference. The conference featured a session of Poster Presentation where participants presented their state-of-the-art research ideas which could benefit the society. Over 90 research papers were received for this conference from all over India.

Awareness programme on Fire Safety at N'gud

Dr. B.R. Ravikanthe Gowda, Deputy Inspector General, Fire Force & Emergency Services, Bengaluru, addressing the gathering as M.S. Ramaprasad (extreme right), President, Nanjangud Industries Association and B.S. Chandrashekhar, Secretary, look on. Picture below shows a mock demo on fire fighting methods.

Mysuru, Apr.15- Nanjangud Industries Association (NIA) had organised an "Awareness on Fire Safety" at its premises in Nanjangud on Apr. 10. Dr. B.R. Ravikanthe Gowda, Deputy Inspector General, Fire Force & Emergency Services, Bengaluru, who inaugurated, emphasised the importance of training in fire safety. He said more industrial workers will have to be trained under this kind of programme organised by the Department of Fire Force.

Mentioning the yeomen services of Fire Department staff, he also cited the examples of recent incidents of fire that took place in Bengaluru during Air Show which resulted in burning of 279 cars and collapse of a building under construction in Dharwad that claimed the lives of 19 innocent persons. He said if fire is not controlled in an early stage then the impact of the loss of human life and loss of property would be massive. The faculties were a group of experienced and trained Fire Officers from the Department of Fire Force.

There was also a mock demonstration of fire fighting methods as part of this awareness. Executives from different member industries of Nanjangud were present. M.S. Ramaprasad, President, NIA, welcomed. B.S. Chandrashekhar, Secretary, introduced the chief guest. G.S. Nagaraju, Vice-President, proposed a vote of thanks.

Yunus Ali Kauser, Chief Fire Officer, delivered the valedictory address. In all, 116 participants including Safety Officers, Security personnel and Industrial Workers from factories in and around Nanjangud and Mysuru attended.

Inter-college technical fest 'VRUDDHI-2K19' held

Mysuru, Apr. 15 (KS) - The Department of Civil Engineering, Vidya Vikas Institute of Engineering & Technology (VVIET), Mysuru, had organised an inter-college technical fest 'VRUDDHI-2k19' in city recently.

The function was inaugurated by Dr. M. Ravishankar, Principal of VVIET. Around 150 participants from various Engineering Colleges took part in events like Cognizance, Quantify, Prospectus (Paper Presentation) Plan it (Transferring the plan to the ground), Archicad and won many prizes. K. Subramanya Rao, Chairman, Builders Association India (BAI), Mysuru Chapter, who was the guest at the valedictory function, enlightened the students about the present Civil Engineering trends.

As part of 'VRUDDHI,' Hit-it-Lagori was also organised in which 35 teams from various colleges participated and the prizes to the winners were given away by Subramanya Rao. Students of Maharaja Institute of Technology (MIT), Thandavapura, won the overall Championship Trophy, which was presented to them by Kaveesh V. Gowda, Secretary, VVET.

'Jashn-e-Urdu' celebrated

Mysuru, Apr.15 - M.E.S. First Grade College celebrated 'Jashn-e-Urdu' at its premises recently. The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Masood Siraj, Professor in Urdu, University of Mysore. Speaking on the occasion, he stressed on the importance of Urdu language in the present scenario. Prof. Kareemuddin, retired Kannada Professor, who presided, said that Urdu language is spoken and studied in more than 40 countries in the world.

Guest speaker and Urdu Poet Gowhar Tarikerwi urged the students to value the language and give importance to learn Urdu.

More than 25 students who secured distinction in Urdu language were feted with mementos. Dr. Ateeq-ur-Rahaman, Professor in Urdu, welcomed. Razia Begum, Principal, M.E.S. First Grade College, proposed a vote of thanks.

Public campaign to end at 6 pm tomorrow

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21 'Sakhi Booths'

As voter-friendly measures, based on the direction of the Election Commission of India, the District Administration has set up a total of 21 'Sakhi Booths', 11 exclusive booths for tribals and 7 booths for the differently-abled. Also, wheel chairs, magnifying glass and Braille ballot papers have been despatched to all polling booths, the DC said. Continuing, Abhiram Sankar said 5,084 ballot units, 2,671 control units and 2,717 VVPATs will be used for polling in the Constituency and all the EVMs have been checked for their functioning.

Erecting pandals

Stating that all candidates can erect pandals at 200 mts distance from the polling booth, he said that the candidates can have only 2 chairs, a table and a banner of size not exceeding 3x41/2 ft. All the candidates will be allowed to have one polling agent in every booth and the Polling Officers will make arrangements for their seating.

After the public campaigning comes to an end at 6 pm tomorrow, candidates can only take out door-to-door campaign in groups not exceeding 5 persons as prohibitory orders under Section 144 of Cr.PC will be in place, he said.

Highlighting that as per the ECI directions, conduct / broadcast / publication of exit polls has been banned till May 19, the DC said that all political leaders, workers who are non-voters of the Constituency, have been asked to leave the Constituency soon after the conclusion of public campaign at 6 pm tomorrow.

Dry days

The DC further said that in view of the polls, dry days have been declared from 6 pm on Apr. 16 to midnight of Apr. 18 and all fairs / shanties / festivals scheduled for Apr. 18 have been postponed.

City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna addressing the media at the DC's office in city this morning ahead of Lok Sabha Polls. Others seen are (from left) MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag, ZP CEO K. Jyothi, DC Abhiram G. Sankar and SP Amit Singh.

No cell phones, cameras at booths

The DC gave a clear instruction to the voters that cell phones and cameras will not be allowed inside the polling booth and the Polling Officers have been empowered to act against any voter who is found violating the rule.

The DC said that adequate security measures have been taken to ensure free and fair polling, with deployment of adequate Police personnel at all polling booths across the Constituency.

Also, apart from the voter ID Card issued by the ECI, the voters can also produce passport, driving licence, employee photo-identity cards issued by State/Central Governments and Private Sectors, Bank/Kisan/ Post Office passbook having photograph of the voter, ID card issued under MNREG scheme, Health Insurance/ smart cards having photograph, pension card issued by a competent authority, Aadhaar card etc.

The poll officials are empowered to check Kalyana Mantaps, community halls, lodges, private guest houses and other lodging facilities for stay of non-voters after the end of public campaign.

Rs. 43,97,120 cash seized in Mysuru, Rs. 9,59,810 in Kodagu

Regarding seizure of unaccounted cash and liquor after the poll code came into effect on Mar. 10, the DC said that so far Rs. 43,97,120 cash, 33,810.435 litre of liquor worth about Rs. 1,41,11,837 and publicity and other articles worth Rs. 6,36,300 have been seized in Mysuru district.

In Kodagu, so far Rs. 9,59,810 cash, 14,438.47 litres of liquor worth about Rs. 83,35,631 and publicity and other articles worth Rs. 26,15,000 have been seized.

MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag and ZP CEO Jyothi gave a brief on SVEEP programmes and other measures taken for voter awareness and to sensitise the public on the importance of voting.

City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna and SP Amit Singh explained the measures taken by the Police for peaceful polls. ADC G. Anuradha and other officials were present.

PUC: Udupi tops State

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In the Science stream, Kruti Muttagi from VVS Sardar Patel PU College, Bengaluru, stood first with 597 marks, S.L. Mohan from Masters PU College, Hassan, stood second with 595, S.R. Anarghya from Sharada Independent PU College, Mangaluru, also stood second with 595 marks along with P. Ankitha from Govinda Dasa PU College in Mangaluru who also got 595. Shraddha G. Pai from Sharada Independent PU College, Mangaluru, stood third with 594.

In Commerce, Varshini M. Bhat from Vidyamandir Independent PU College, Bengaluru, is the topper with 595 marks along with S.R. Amruta from ASC PU College, Bengaluru, who also secured 595. Shubhankar A. Chaugule from Alva's PU College, Moodbidri, stood second with 594 along with Venkatesha Puranika of R.N. Shetty PU College, Kundapura, Aditi Atulkumar Surana of Sharada Independent PU College, Mangaluru and R. Poorvitha of Mount Carmel PU College, Bengaluru.

Third place in Commerce was secured by Aditi Upadhyaya of Mahaveer Jain PU College, Bengaluru, who scored 593 along with B. Chethan Pai of Alva's PU College Moodbidri, N. Chandana of Vidhyanidhi PU College, Tumakuru and M. Nimishamba of VVN PU College, Bengaluru.

In Mysuru, Ananya Kanigalapula of Sadvidya Semi-Residential PU College has topped with 590 marks (Physics 98, Chemistry 99, Mathematics 100, Biology 99, English 95 and Sanskrit 99). She is the daughter of Narasimha Rao and Adilakshmi. Sharandeep of Sadvidya PU College has scored 588 marks (Chemistry 100, Mathematics 100, Biology 100, Physics 99, Kannada 97 and English 92). He is the son of Puttaswamy and Umamani.

Ajith Kumar of Vijaya Vittala PU College too has secured 588 (Physics 99, Chemistry 100, Mathematics 99, Computer Science 100, English 90 and Sanskrit 100). He is the son of Gajanana Rao, a Civil Engineer and Suma G. Rao.

The PU exams were held from Mar. 1 to Mar. 18 for 39 subjects. In view of the LS polls, the exams were held early this year and results also announced early. Evaluation had begun on Mar.25 at 54 centres.

HOW THEY FARED

RANK	DISTRICT	PERCENTAGE
1	Udupi	92.20
2	Dakshina Kannada	90.91
3	Kodagu	83.31
4	Uttara Kannada	79.59
5	Chikkamagaluru	76.42
6	Hassan	75.19
7	Bagalkot	74.26
8	Bengaluru South	74.25
9	Shivamogga	73.54
10	Bengaluru Rural	72.91
11	Bengaluru North	72.68
12	Chamarajanagar	72.67
13	Chikkaballapura	70.11
14	Vijayapura	68.55
15	Mysuru	68.55
16	Haveri	68.40
17	Tumakuru	65.81
18	Kolar	65.19
19	Ballari	64.87
20	Koppal	63.15
21	Mandya	63.08
22	Davanagere	62.53
23	Dharwad	62.49
24	Ramanagaram	62.08
25	Chikkodi	60.86
26	Gadag	57.76
27	Raichur	56.73
28	Belagavi	56.18
29	Kalaburagi	56.09
30	Bidar	55.78
31	Yadgir	53.02
32	Chitradurga	51.42

Vijayashankar holds mega rally at Ashokapuram

Mysuru, Apr.15 (RKB&NNN)- Congress-JD(S) coalition candidate from Mysuru-Kodgau constituency C.H. Vijayashankar, accompanied by former Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and former MLA M.K. Somashekar, held a mega rally at Ashokapuram where thousands gathered in his support, this morning.

Addressing the rally, Vijayashankar said that people must press the button number 3 that has the 'hand' symbol which is the symbol of Congress to ensure his victory. He asked the voters not to listen to others and instead, vote for his party.

Dr. Mahadevappa said that the BJP, RSS and Modi had destroyed the country, trying to rewrite the Constitution and ruined the lives of the poor. Demonitisation was a big disaster and democracy was at peril. Hence, the only way out was for the voters to support the Congress and ensure its victory.

Somashekar said that the price of cooking gas had gone up from Rs.390 to Rs.700, subsidy had come down, diesel and petrol prices had shot up and Rs.15 lakh promised to the poor by Narendra Modi was just a lie. Instead, Rahul Gandhi's promise of Rs.6,000 per month to the poor in the country is something that every poor will look forward to as it will come directly into their bank account, he said.

The rally passed through Silk Factory, Nallur Shed, 8th Main Vidyaranyapuram, Chamundi Vana, Ursu Colony, Dharam Singh Colony, J.P. Nagar Goblimara Circle and Police Booth where more than 1,500 people were present including leaders Jogi Mahesh and Prabhu Murthy.

Police take out Route March in city

Mysuru, Apr.15 (RK&DM)- With the LS polls just three days away, the City Police, in a bid to instil confidence among the people, took out a Route March in sensitive areas coming under Devaraja Sub-Division limits this morning.

The March commenced at 8 am from D. Banumaiah Polytechnic in Udayagiri and passed through M.G. Road, Udayagiri Circle, Post Office Road, PF Office Road, Manasa School Road and other areas before culminating at K.M. Halli Circle, covering a distance of 2 kms.

Thereafter, the March continued from K.M. Halli Circle and passed through M.G. Road, Sultan Road, Mahadevapura Road, Beedi Colony Main Road, Government Higher Primary School at Kalyanagiri and other areas before culminating at Triveni Circle, covering a distance of 2 kms.

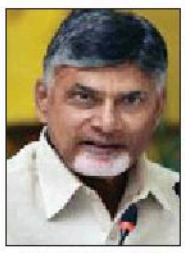
Later in the evening today, the Police will take out Route March in Narasimharaja Sub-Division limits.

Tomorrow (Apr.16), the Route March will be taken out in Devaraja Sub-Division limits from 8 am to 10 am and in Krishnaraja Sub-Division limits from 4 pm to 6 pm.

Civil Police, Commando Force, CAR, KSRP, Central Armed Forces and other Police wings took part in the Route March under the guidance of City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna and DCP M. Muthuraj.

Andhra CM to pitch for Nikhil in Mandya today

Mandya, Apr.15- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N.Chandrababu Naidu will campaign in Mandya Lok Sabha segment this evening from where Nikhil Kumaraswamy, son of Karnataka Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, is contesting.



Chandrababu Naidu

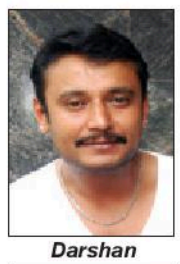
Nikhil is facing a tough fight from actor Sumalatha, the wife of late actor and former Minister-Ambarish. Sources told *Star of Mysore* that Naidu will campaign in Pandavapura assembly segment including Melukote and other areas as his (Naidu) community votes are concentrated more in these places. He would take off on a special flight from Gannavaram at 2 pm and reach Pandavapura at 4 pm.

It may be recalled here that Naidu has been working with various national and regional parties tao form a non-BJP platform at the national level. Even former Karnataka Chief Minister H.D. Deve Gowda had campaigned for the TDP in the just-concluded AP elections.

Incidentally, in several constituencies in Karnataka including Bengaluru city, Telugu people constitute a major chunk of the electorate. To keep the friendly ties intact, Naidu would be campaigning in Karnataka for the JD(S), according to sources.

IT raid on Darshan's farmhouse?

Mysuru, Apr.15- With polls just three days away, Income Tax sleuths are said to have raided the farmhouse of actor Darshan located on T.Narasipur road in the outskirts of the city this afternoon, according to a TV report.



Darshan

But the IT officials have found no unaccounted cash or valuables and returned empty handed, it is learnt.

It may be mentioned here that actor Darshan has been extensively campaigning for independent candidate Sumalatha Ambarish who is contesting against Nikhil Kumaraswamy of JD(S) from Mandya Lok Sabha seat, which goes to polls on Apr.18.

Prof. BKC hits out at Modi

for subverting democratic institutions

Mysuru, Apr.15 (RKB&SR)- Congress leader and former Education Minister Prof. B.K. Chandrashekar (BKC) lashed out at PM Modi for misusing democratic institutions like CBI, Supreme Court, Election Commission of India, RBI, Central Vigilance Commission and other constitutional bodies for his political advantage as he is on a losing side in this election.

Addressing media persons at a private hotel in city this morning he alleged that right from his initial days of becoming the head of this nation, PM Modi was misusing these statutory institutions to silence his political detractors besides to make them fall in line.

Modi took the unilateral arbitrary decision on demonetisation of higher currency notes without consulting the opinion of RBI and discussing in his cabinet meeting. "As per the procedure, the PM must and should discuss with RBI and his cabinet colleagues on such issues, but he never did on this sensitive economic decision that risked the lives of crores of poor people in the country," he said.

The PM also misused Income Tax and Enforcement Directorate which allegedly conducted raids on the houses and supporters of Congress, JD(S) and other Opposition parties, he said.

Former Minister Prof. B.K. Chandrashekar addressing a press conference in city this morning as former MLA Vasu, City Congress President R. Murthy and ex-Mayor B.K. Prakash look on.

Up in arms on Election Commission for its partial action regarding the airing of NaMo TV, Prof. BKC asked the ECI why it had maintained silence on telecasting of NaMo TV until it received a complaint. Aren't EC officials not aware of this channel?

Stating that Modi is a 'fake patriot', he took strong objections on the former for misusing 'Balakot' airstrike after Pulwama attack and surgical strikes on terror camps across the border for his political advantage.

Commenting on BJP's *Sankalp Patra- 2019,* BKC said Modi had failed to deliver his promise of *'acche din',* bringing back black money, creation of two crore jobs every year and protecting the interests of farmers.

Answering a query on CM H.D. Kumarawamy's alleged remarks on 'thrashing journalists' for their biased reporting, Prof. Chandrashekar said that he would not agree with the CM on this statement.

Former MLA Vasu, City Congress President R. Murthy, former Mayor B.K. Prakash, former Corporator Ramesh and others were present.

Govt. Employees Association

former President passes away

Mysuru, Apr. 15 - **S. Krishnamurthy** (86), former President of State Government Employees Association and a resident of Saraswathipuram, passed away last night at a private hospital in city following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife Lalithamma, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. A retired PWD Executive Engineer, Krishnamurthy had served as the President of State Government Employees Association from 1968 to 1985. He had also served as the Hon. Secretary of Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions from 1991 to 2011. He was the ex-President of District Brahmana Mahasabha and Founder-Member and Hon. President of Babbur Kamme Sangha.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to sources.

Senior citizen's chain snatched

Mysuru, Apr. 15 (MK&KS)- A bike borne miscreant has reportedly snatched a gold chain of a 63-year-old woman at Srirampura on Saturday evening.

The victim, identified as Ambujakshi, a resident of Srirampura, was walking on the footpath on Saturday evening, when the miscreant, who came on a bike, snatched her gold chain weighing about 40 grams and fled from the spot. Kuvempunagar Police have registered a case.

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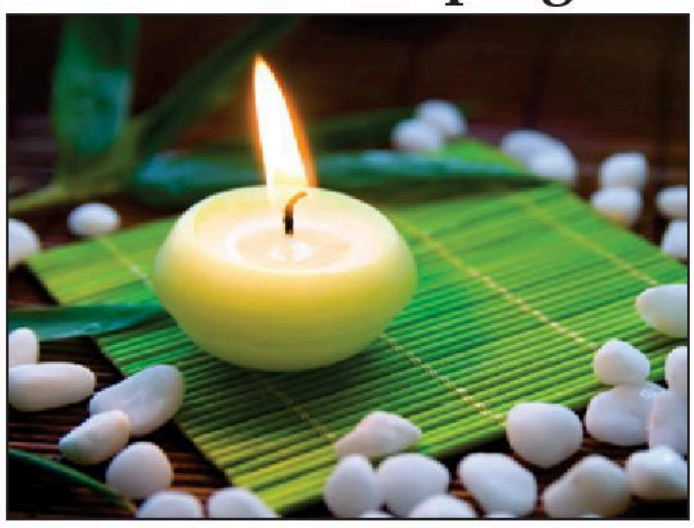

The Art and Science of Feng Shui is about balancing energies, of animate with inanimate and that of the soul with that of the universe, so that you get the positive energies of the universe flowing through the entire spaces in your house.

Keeping in mind the basic principles of Feng Shui as you go through your life on a day-to-day basis can help bring you back to where you are supposed to be. Often we fall back and resort to our old methods of dealing with things and behavioural pattern.

By focusing on the land and building, one can create a better place of dwelling and enhance the prospects of business and relationship through proper arrangement and alignment. Feng Shui is all about energy levels and alignment of our environment. With a positive frame of mind and the seed of the happiness within us, one could generate a lot more peaceful and conducive environment which strengthens the Feng Shui of the place of dwelling.

To ensure that we move ahead in all our pursuits with confidence and strength, we primarily need a sense of support and connection with the building and more specifically the room in which we spend more time, especially the bedroom. However by adapting change in decor and layout we can activate renewal of energy to bring in new opportunities and prosperity.

It is a well-known fact that the energy in our bodies, the energy of our minds and the energy of our surroundings have a deep and profound impact on our lives. Accumulating clutter and waste, ignoring your bed orientation and directions, unknowingly introducing artefacts, plants and décor, which are negative Feng Shui, disturbing the energy of the premises by repairing and renovating the afflicted sector and keeping the wrong doors and windows opened are some common mistakes committed by many post Feng Shui and Vastu corrections.

The internal environment that we live in plays an integral part in creating the external aspects of our lives. You regenerate yourself if your internal environment is a place of balance and harmony that nurtures your feelings of inspiration, security and peace.

As with our human bodies, the healthier the bodies of our buildings are, the more they empower and support us in living a rich, creative, and joyful existence. It's a fact that the science of Feng Shui addresses almost the entire spectrum of human aspiration. The practice operates at various levels.

It can be highly personalised when practiced according to specific compass school formulas, or it can be broad based and generalised.

In the ancient days, the method involves interpretation of the terrain, contours, shapes, topography, elevation, rivers and waterways, while compass Feng Shui offers recommendations in terms of compass directions.

To enhance the positivity and feel of your space:

• Place pleasing artefacts and décor like statues, collection of crystals, gemstones, coloured candles and water feature in the living areas.

• Avoid barriers in front of the door such as light partitions or barricades.

• Display flowers and have floral arrangements especially at the East sector

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Crestival celebrates talent

Mysuru, Apr.15- Crestival, the flagship event of Cresta School of Management, Science and Arts, held at its campus recently, celebrated talent from across the country. The event saw large participation of students from various institutions across the city along with students from Cresta.

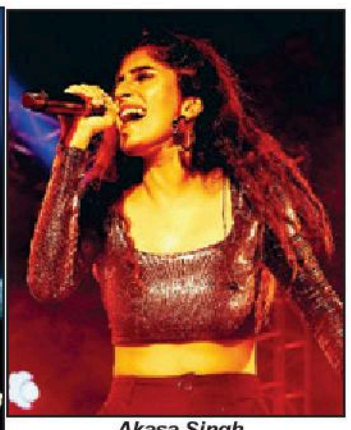
The entire day was a thrilling experience for the 3,000 plus students who swayed to the performances of young celebrities Akasa Singh, Akshay Dhawan and Awez Darbar which were hosted by Vineeth Vincent. The entire show was very engaging and held the audience captive all through their performances.

The 18-year-old Akshay Dhawan, winner of 'Dil Hai Hindustani-2,' captured the audience's attention with his impeccable rapping skills. Awez Darbar, celebrity choreographer and dancer, who is the most popular TikTok Star and Youtuber, mesmerised the young students with his scintillating performance. Akasa of Thug Ranjha fame also enthralled the audience with her voice.

This second edition of CRESTIVAL included a programme curated with the idea to address the creative performances' culture of Mysuru. Cresta cultural events which included singing, dancing, bands and workshops, were held throughout the day with students participating in huge numbers and showcasing their talents.

A dance workshop by Awez Darbar was also held during the day for students who were inclined towards creativity.

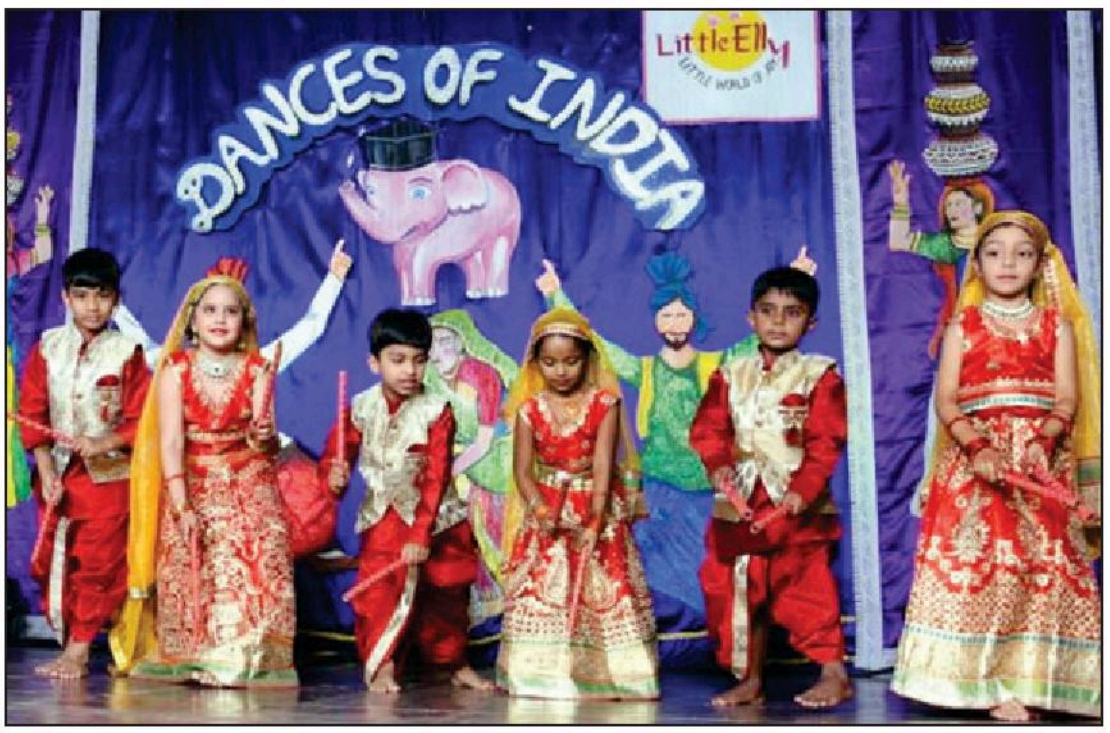
Awez Darbar



Akasa Singh

Akshay Dhawan

Annual Day of Little Elly



LITTLE ELLY, BANNIMANTAP: ***The fifth Annual and Graduation Day of Little Elly was celebrated at Veene Seshana Bhavan in Kuvempunagar recently. The theme was 'Dances of India'. The UKG children anchored the whole programme. The kids from playgroup showed their talent to speak about the staple crops of different States, followed by colourful and mesmerising dance performance with costumes of various States.***

Kagiso Rabada, Chris Morris star as Delhi beat Hyderabad

Hyderabad, Apr.15- South African pace duo Kagiso Rabada (4/22) and Chris Morris (3/22) displayed disciplined bowling performances as Delhi Capitals (DC) bundled out Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) 116 runs to register win by 39 runs at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad yesterday.

Chasing 156 runs, the home team were off to a flyer as David Warner and Jonny Bairstow added 72 runs in 9.5 overs. Keemo Paul dismissed Jonny Bairstow for 41. The Englishman's innings included 5 fours and a six. Kane Williamson making a comeback after an injury failed to score big as he was dismissed for 3. Thereafter, Warner batting steadily ran out of partners from the other end. The Australian notched up his 40th IPL half-century. But he was dismissed off the very next ball for 51. His innings included 3 fours and a six.

Following the dismissal of Warner, the SRH middle-order batsmen wilted under pressure owing to the soaring run-rate. At one stage, SRH were cruising to victory when Bairstow and Warner were at the crease (72/0). However, they were bundled out for 116 runs in 18.5 overs.

Earlier, DC scored 155/7 in 20 overs.

CSK beat KKR

Chennai Super Kings (CSK) defeated Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) by five wickets at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata.

Chasing 162 runs, CSK were off to a confident start as Faf du Plessis hit a quickfire 24 off 16 balls.

The other opener, Shane Watson (6) failed to contribute much as he was dismissed by Harry Gurney in the fourth over. Suresh Raina then joined Du Plessis. But Sunil Narine castled the South African captain for 24.

Ambati Rayudu (5) and Kedar Jadhav (20) failed to add much to the total and CSK were seen struggling at 81/4 in 11.1 overs. M.S. Dhoni failed to get going as he was dismissed for 16 by Narine.

However, Ravindra Jadeja and Raina put together unbeaten 41 runs for the sixth-wicket as CSK coasted to victory with two balls to spare.

Raina remained unbeaten on 58 (7 fours, 1 six). He notched up his 36th IPL fifty. On the other hand, Jadeja remained unbeaten on 31 off just 17 balls. His innings included 5 fours.

With this win, CSK remain on top of the points table with 7 wins from 8 matches (14 points). Earlier, KKR posted 161/8 in 20 overs.

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MI Vs **RCB**
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KXIP Vs **RR**
IS Bindra Stadium,
Mohali, **8 pm**

Yesterday's Results

KKR 161/8 (20)
lost to
CSK 162/5 (19.4)

SRH 116 (18.5)
lost to
DC 155/7 (19.2)

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Mysuru to host ten-day Intl. Premier Kabaddi League from May 21

IIPKL General Secretary M.V. Prasad Babu addressing a press conference at a private hotel in city recently.

Mysuru, Apr.15 (PM&NNN)- The Indo-International Premier Kabaddi League (IIPKL) organised by New Kabaddi Federation (NFK) will be held from May 13 to June 4 and league matches in second phase will be held in the city from May 21 to 30 at the Chamundi Vihar Stadium, said Federation General Secretary and World Kabaddi Council Vice-President M.V. Prasad Babu.

He was addressing a press conference at a private hotel in city recently and said that the first phase of the league where 20 matches will be played, will be held in Pune at Balewadi Stadium from May 13 to 20. In the second phase, there will be 17 league matches to be held at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in Mysuru from May 21 to 30, he said. The final seven games will be held in Bengaluru Kanteerava Stadium. There will be a total of 44 matches in season one. Out of the 4,800 players who have registered to play in the IIPKL, 160 players have been selected. A total of 16 foreign players will participate in eight teams, said Babu.

The 8 teams are Bengaluru Rhinos, Chennai Challengers, Telugu Bulls, Pune Pride, Haryana Heroes, Mumbaiche Raje, Dilar Delhi and Pondicherry Predators. Players of the eight teams will be chosen through a lucky dip. Already the players have been classified under A, B, C and D grade. The A grade players will get Rs.10 lakh, B Rs.8 lakh, C Rs.6 lakh and D Rs.8 lakh, he said.

"Former International Cricketer Virender Sehwag is the brand ambassador of IIPKL. The matches will be ticketed events and it has been decided to price each ticket between Rs.200 to Rs.300. Out of profit made in the first phase of the league 10 percent will be contributed to the families of the Pulwama martyrs."

—M.V. Prasad Babu,
General Secretary, NKF

The selected players apart from being paid the player's fees will get a match amount of 20 percent from the revenue generated from the league. The winner in the league will carry a cash prize of Rs.1.25 crore, the runner-up Rs.75 lakh, the third placed team will get Rs.50 lakh and the fourth placed team Rs.25 lakh. Various sports channels will telecast the matches from 8 pm to 10 pm, he said.

TV Star and IIPKL Director Ravikiran, former Kabaddi player Mypal Singh, Jai Shetty and others were present.

Tiger Woods wins The Masters for 15th Major Title

Augusta, Apr.15- Tiger Woods won the 83rd Masters on Sunday, capturing his 15th major title to cement an epic return from scandal and injuries that once threatened his career.

Ending an 11-year major drought, the 43-year-old American superstar — who underwent spinal fusion in 2017 fearing chronic back pain would deny him life's simple joys much less golf wins — seized his first major title since the 2008 US Open.

Woods fired a final-round two-under par 70 to finish on 13-under 275 for a one-shot victory to capture a $2.07 million (1.82 million euros) top prize and the green jacket symbolising Masters supremacy.

An all-American trio of three-time major winner Brooks Koepka, world number two Dustin Johnson and Xander Schauffele shared second on 276.

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LS polls: Checking on Police vehicles, ambulances intensified at check-posts

Mysuru, Apr.15 (RK&KS)- As cases of cash being transported in ambulances and Police vehicles were reported during the previous election, the Election Commission, in a bid to ensure free and fair polls, has instructed checking of all Government vehicles, KSRTC buses, Police vehicles and ambulances this year.

Following the instructions, the Election Officials have intensified the checking at all static check-posts on Mysuru, Bengaluru and Nagamangala Highways connecting Mandya LS Constituency, where the high voltage contest is between an Independent candidate and son of the Chief Minister of the State.

The personnel at check-posts opened on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway, Hunsur Road, KRS Road, H.D. Kote Road, Bogadi Road, Nanjangud Road, T. Narasipur Road, Bannur Road, Mahadevapura Road and other roads are stopping KSRTC buses *(see pic)*, **Government vehicles, ambulances and Police vehicles and are thoroughly checking them. The entire checking process is being videographed by professionals hired at each check-post.**

Since four days, the officials are stopping KSRTC buses that are arriving and departing from Mysuru and are conducting through checking of luggage box and bag and baggage of passengers. This is leading to traffic jams on the highway resulting is some travellers losing patience and indulging in wordy duel with the officials.

The officials at the check-posts, who are monitoring CCTV cameras, are stopping vehicles on suspicion and are conducting checking.

Rs.37,72,120 cash seized in the district

A total of Rs.37,72,120 cash has been seized since the Poll Code of Conduct came into force in the district. Out of Rs.42,17,120 cash seized by Flying Squad, Static Surveillance and Video Surveillance teams, Rs.4,45,000 cash was returned after verifying the documents and the remaining Rs.37,72,120 cash has been seized.

The officials of the Excise Department and Police personnel have seized a total of 33,798 litres liquor worth about Rs.1,41,07,874 besides seizing 104 vehicles worth about Rs.98,23,000 which were transporting liquor. The seized vehicles include 14 cars, 86 two-wheelers and other vehicles.

District Election Officer said that a total of 638 cases including 578 Excise cases and 60 Police cases have been registered in the district and investigations were going on.

Excise Deputy Commissioner, Dy.SPs and Inspectors, along with the staff, were working in three shifts in the district including Mysuru city and are conducting operations to control illegal transportation and sale of liquor besides keeping an eye on retail liquor outlets to prevent the sale more than the permissible limit.

C.H. Vijayashankar campaigns in Chamundeshwari

Mysuru, Apr.15 (MTY&DM)- Stepping up his campaign as the poll date draws near, coalition candidate C.H. Vijayashankar held road shows in various villages coming under Chamundeshwari Assembly segment of Mysuru-Kodagu LS Constituency on Saturday.

Vijayashankar addressed gatherings at Bogadi, Dasanakoppalu, Maratikyatanahalli, Ganaganahundi, Sahukarhundi, Basavanapura, Belavadi and other villages and sought votes for him.

Stressing that the EVM will have the Congress party symbol and there will be no JD(S) party symbol, Vijayashankar appealed the villagers to take note of this and cast their votes in favour of Congress symbol 'Hand.'

MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah, former ZP President K. Marigowda, APMC President K. Prabhuswamy, ZP member Rakesh Papanna, leaders Nandini Chandrashekar, Manjula Manasa, Krishna Kumar Sagar and others were present.

Abhishek appeals voters to elect his mother

Mandya, Apr.15 (Nagaiah& SR)- Striking an emotional chord, Abhishek Gowda, son of actor-turned-politician late M.H. Ambarish appealed voters to elect his mother — Sumalatha Ambarish — an independent candidate from Mandya Lok Sabha constituency as they blessed, supported his father who shined in both politics and film industry.

Addressing a large gathering of people during his road shows at various villages of Nagamangala Assembly segment yesterday, he said that other than this mother, there are three more Sumalathas in the fray which would confuse the voters. People must vote for her mother's symbol 'Farmer blowing a trumpet' in serial number 20 in EVMs, he added.

Stating that their political opponents are making baseless allegations against his mother Sumalatha and their family members, voters must elect their mother with a record margin votes without giving importance to these allegations.

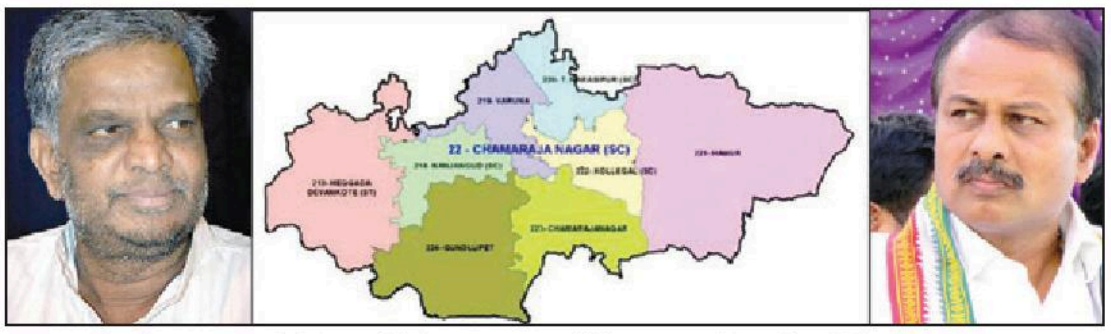
"Ambarish and his family believed the people of Mandya, contested in this election to uphold the self respect of the people of Mandya. People must give a befitting reply for their political rivals by electing her mother to Parliament," he appealed people with folded hands.

He said that his father late actor Ambarish had won the hearts, love and affection of the people of Mandya. The conscious voters of Nagamangala must uphold the dignity of Mandya without yielding to money, liquor, freebies and other influences offered by JD(S).

Abhishek's style of appeal similar to his father Ambarish's style won appreciation from the people.

Abhishek during a road show at Nagamangala Assembly segment yesterday. Sumalatha Ambarish (inset).

Chamarajanagar LS Constituency to witness straight fight between Prasad & Dhruvanarayan



Chamarajanagar, Apr.15 (SS &US)- For various reasons, Chamarajanagar Reserved Lok Sabha constituency has been labelled as a high voltage constituency. Though ten candidates are in the fray now for the LS polls, it is obviously declared as a straight fight between former Union Minister and BJP candidate V. Sreenivasa Prasad and sitting MP and Congress candidate R. Dhruvanarayan.

Both of them were in the same party for several years before Prasad moved to BJP and now the straight fight in the election has drawn everyone's attention. Dr. Shivakumar is also contesting on a BSP ticket who could also pose a tricky issue.

Chamarajanagar Reserved LS constituency comprises four Assembly constituencies of Chamarajanagar and four from Mysuru. The LS constituency has 4 MLAs from Congress, 2 from BJP, one each from BSP and JD(S). With JD(S) and Congress forming a coalition, their unified strength becomes 5 with Dhruvanarayan representing as coalition candidate.

Before the LS election was announced, Congress was deemed as the winner in the constituency with Dhruvanarayan having emerged victorious twice earlier and a lot of good works to his credit.

Added to that, BJP had no strong contender to be fielded as Prasad had opted a voluntary retirement from politics. However, a few BJP leaders and others convinced the top brass that Prasad was the only person to offer a good fight for the coalition candidate. They also persuaded Prasad to contest in the poll which at last materialised resulting in the constituency getting a high voltage label.

Dhruvanarayan had defeated A.R. Krishnamurthy of BJP in 2009 LS polls by a thin margin of 4,002 votes and the margin shot up to 1,41,182 votes in 2014 polls. Now Dhruvanarayan is possibly aiming for a hat-trick.

Dhruvanarayan is banking on development works in Chamarajanagar over the last 10 years like development of National Highways, establishment of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Agricultural College, Law College and Passport Seva Kendra during his campaign. Now with A.R. Krishnamurthy in Congress, which has the backing of JD(S), it has become a blessing for Dhruvanarayan.

Prasad too has won five times from the constituency — four times from Congress and once from JD(U), confirming that the constituency was nothing new to him. That compiled with the 'Modi Wave' propelled by the youth, Prasad too has become a strong contender.

BSP too has its own vote bank in the constituency with the party Legislator hailing from Kollegal Reserved Assembly constituency, the party's LS candidate Dr. Shivakumar too is confident to win a sizeable number of votes which could also play a part in the straight fight between Prasad and Dhruvanarayan.

The caste factor too could play a role in the constituency said to be dominated by Dalits and Veerashaiva-Lingayats.

The constituency has 16,86,364 voters comprising 8,42,872 men, 8,43,379 women and 113 others.

The ten candidates in fray are: **1.** R. Dhruvanarayan (Congress-JD(S) coalition); **2.** V. Sreenivasa Prasad (BJP); **3.** Dr. Shivakumar (BSP); **4.** Hanur Nagaraj (Uttama Prajakeeya Paksha); **5.** B. Prasanna Kumar (Karnataka Praja Party, Raitha Parva); **6.** Subbaiah (Indian New Congress); **7.** Anand Jeevan Ram (Independent); **8.** N. Ambarish (Independent); **9.** M. Pradeep Kumar (Independent) and **10.** G.D. Rajagopal (Independent).

Dr. Yathindra, G.D. Harish Gowda campaign for coalition candidate

Mandya, Apr.15 (Nagaiah& US)- MLA Dr. Yathindra, son of CLP leader and former CM Siddharamaiah and JD(S) leader G.D. Harish Gowda, son of Minister G.T. Devegowda, campaigned in favour of coalition Lok Sabha candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy at Channapillaykoppal in Malavalli taluk here yesterday.

Dr. Yathindra appealed party activists to sink their differences and support Nikhil. He claimed that such a joint support would help the coalition candidate to emerge victorious. He reiterated that former CM Siddharamaiah had announced full support from Congress for Nikhil.

Harish Gowda recalled the contribution of CM Kumaraswamy for development works in Mandya district. He sought full support by the coalition for Nikhil.

MLC Marithibbegowda, ZP Standing Committee Chairman Ravi and others were present.

'I'm confident of my victory'

Coalition candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy, who spoke to reporters after garlanding the bust of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar near DC's Office here yesterday, said that he is confident of his victory and this has doubled after the CLP leader Siddharamaiah and his son Legislator Dr. Yathindra campaigned in various parts of Mandya LS constituency. He said that he is overwhelmed by the support and affection shown by people of Mandya which has boosted his confidence.

Dr. Yathindra, who was accompanied Nikhil, said that he and his party have been making all efforts and working sincerely to ensure Nikhil's victory.

Answering to a query on joint canvassing of Siddharamaiah and Minister G.T. Devegowda in Chamundeshwari Assembly segment in Mysuru, he said there is nothing new bonhomie between these two leaders joining together to defeat their common political rival to keep the communal forces at bay.

"Moreover, both Siddharamaiah and GTD are friends from many years, but they contested in polls from different parties depending on the then political situation, but now in the changed political situation, coalition party leaders are now canvassing jointly for the victory of their candidates," he added.

Mother-son duo visits church

Ramanagaram MLA Anitha Kumaraswamy and her son, the coalition candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy, visited St. Joseph's Church in Mandya after conducting Road Shows in city. They appealed Christian community to vote for coalition candidate.

Cong. to act against rebel leaders: Dy.CM Dr. Parameshwara warns

Deputy Chief Minister G. Parameshwara inaugurating Dalit Political Awareness Convention at A.C. Madegowda Community Hall in Mandya yesterday. District Minister C.S. Puttaraju, MLAs Annadhani & Srinivas, former MLA M.S. Atmananda and others are seen.

Mandya, Apr.15 (Nagaiah& SR)- Deputy Chief Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara cautioned that Congress will take disciplinary action against rebel leaders of Mandya if they failed to work for the victory of coalition candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy.

Speaking after inaugurating Dalit Political Awareness Convention held at A.C. Madegowda Community Hall in Mandya yesterday, he said that the party had entered into pact with JD(S) to keep communal parties at bay.

AICC President Rahul Gandhi had directed KPCC to work sincerely for the victory of coalition candidates and also given directions to initiate disciplinary action against party workers who have been working against coalition candidate, Nikhil Kumaraswamy.

Dr. Parameshwara said that as per coalition dharma, the party workers should campaign for the candidate selected by the High Command. The party will not pardon the leaders working against its interest. BJP has not fielded its candidate in Mandya and is supporting Independent candidate Sumalatha Ambarish. Party leaders should not support her in this election.

Mandya will see a lot of development if Nikhil elected to Parliament and Rahul Gandhi becomes the Prime Minister. The party workers must sensitise the voters to vote for JD(S) symbol, he added.

Congress leader Amaravathi Chandrashekar said Sumalatha Ambarish is not a BJP-backed candidate but she is truly BJP candidate, at the meeting.

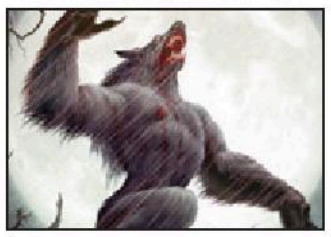
Expel rebel leaders

Various Congress leaders who were present at the Convention urged him to expel rebel leaders and former MLAs Narendraswamy, Cheluvarayaswamy and Rameshbabu Bandisiddegowda.

WORD OF THE DAY

Lycanthropy

Pronunciation: ly-can-thro-py



Meaning: The mythical transformation of a person into a wolf.

Origin: If you happen to be afflicted with lycanthropy, the full moon is apt to cause you an inordinate amount of distress. "Lycanthropy" can refer to either the delusional idea that one is a wolf or to the werewolf transformations that have been the stuff of superstitions for centuries. In some cultures, similar myths involve human transformation into other equally feared animals: hyenas and leopards in Africa and tigers in Asia. The word lycanthropy itself, however, comes from the Greek words lykos, meaning "wolf," and anthropos, meaning "human being." Werewolf myths are usually associated with the phases of the moon; the animal nature of the werewolf (or "lycanthrope") is typically thought to take over when the moon is full.

Example: Teen Wolf, Teen Wolf Too (August 1) High school is a tough time for any teenager, and made even tougher by lycanthropy (that is, were-wolf-dom), as both Michael J. Fox and Jason Bateman learn in these 1980s horror-comedies. — Nick Schager, Esquire, "Here Are the Must-Stream Movies of August 2017," 28 July 2017.

THE ODD WORD

Parvenu

A person of humble origin who has gained wealth, influence, or celebrity.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Hell's bells

Meaning: An exclamation of annoyance or anger.

Origin: The exclamation 'Hell's bells' has been used in both the UK and the USA since at least the mid-19th century. The earliest example of it in print that I can find is from the weekly London sporting newspaper The Era, February 1840. The rather fanciful story concerned a character who had stolen his friend's partridges and replaced them with pigeons, claiming them to be ptarmigan.

The expression came into common use in the first half of 20th century and, in 1932, Australian soldier Joseph Maxwell's used it in the title of the mémoire of his experiences during WWI - Hell's Bells and Mademoiselles. This title was echoed later by George Melly who published his experiences of the Royal Navy in WWII under the title of Rum, bum and concertina. The expression is often extended by other evocative but meaningless additions. In the UK this is often 'Hell's bells and buckets of blood' and, in the USA, 'Hells bells and little fishes' or 'Hells bells and a bunch of parsley'.

QUOTE BOX

One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done. **— Marie Curie**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus puzzle:

Answer: Feeling on top of the world.

SUDOKU

				6				
		9	5		4	2		
	3		2		9		7	
6	7			3			1	5
2	1			8			9	3
	4		6		3		8	
		5	8		7	1		
				2				

Answer to previous puzzle

4	1	6	9	3	5	7	2	8
5	9	3	2	8	7	1	4	6
8	7	2	4	6	1	5	3	9
2	8	7	5	9	6	4	1	3
6	3	4	8	1	2	9	7	5
9	5	1	3	7	4	8	6	2
1	4	8	6	2	9	3	5	7
3	6	5	7	4	8	2	9	1
7	2	9	1	5	3	6	8	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Pertaining to wings
5 Unit of energy
8 Death column, in short
12 Pre-Euro Italian currency
13 Recipes or prescriptions, in a way?
15 Not many know about this get together - a tryst (6,7)
17 Small bird of thrush family - "louse" anagram ?
18 Measures of cloth
19 British rule of India
21 Sicilian nymph - "a neat" change?
24 ___ Dhabi : capital of UAE
27 XVII for the Romans
30 A city at the northern end of Palestine
31 ___ were the days : remembrance of the days gone by?
32 Seventeenth letter of the Greek alphabet
33 Disregards partly or wholly; deprecates?
35 ___ Angelo : city in Western Texas?
36 Water vapour
37 Electronic Instrument Sys.
39 It might shade you from the sun
41 Buenos ___ : famous South American city?
45 Amusement
49 Worried or bothered; harassed physically
50 Siouan Indian
51 Cake decorator
52 Washington DC land
53 Bird's home

DOWN

1 Too
2 Place; stead
3 Parts of circumference of a circle or other curves?
4 Occurring less frequently
5 Newt - "fet" anagram?
6 Read-Only Memory
7 Mastery, superiority - "Gere" anagram?
8 Means of exit or escape
9 Water filled sores
10 ___ Healy : Australian wicket-keeper in Mark Taylor's team?
11 Another name for a young sheep
14 Native of New Guinea or Vanuatu
16 Resilient materials
20 According to the Bible he drove furiously!
22 Ms Dhupia of Bollywood
23 Author unknown
24 Calculates or totals
25 Take the ___ : succumb to temptation?
26 Cause agitation
28 Word which is part of many a German name
29 Italian noble family
34 Calling, trade or vocation
38 Simple ___ : nursery rhyme character?
40 You too in Latin (2,2)
42 Anatomical network
43 "Nose" anagram for Adam's grandson?
44 "Let it stand", instruction for the printer?
45 Equated Monthly Instalment in short
46 No obj. cert.
47 Roman bronze - "sea" change?
48 Princess who is a Gilbertian feminist

FRIDAY'S ANSWER:

A	D	I	T	■	C	A	L	M	■	S	I	T
B	E	T	H	■	P	L	E	A	■	T	S	O
U	S	E	R	■	A	B	H	I	J	E	E	T
■	C	R	O	S	S	■	■	D	U	P	E	S
T	R	A	W	L	■	■	A	A	H	■	■	■
H	I	T	■	A	D	A	R	■	U	L	N	A
A	B	E	■	V	E	X	E	D	■	A	O	L
N	E	S	S	■	B	E	A	U	■	N	D	A
■	■	■	A	F	T	■	■	M	A	T	E	R
A	S	C	I	I	■	■	E	P	E	E	S	■
P	O	L	L	S	T	E	R	■	G	R	I	N
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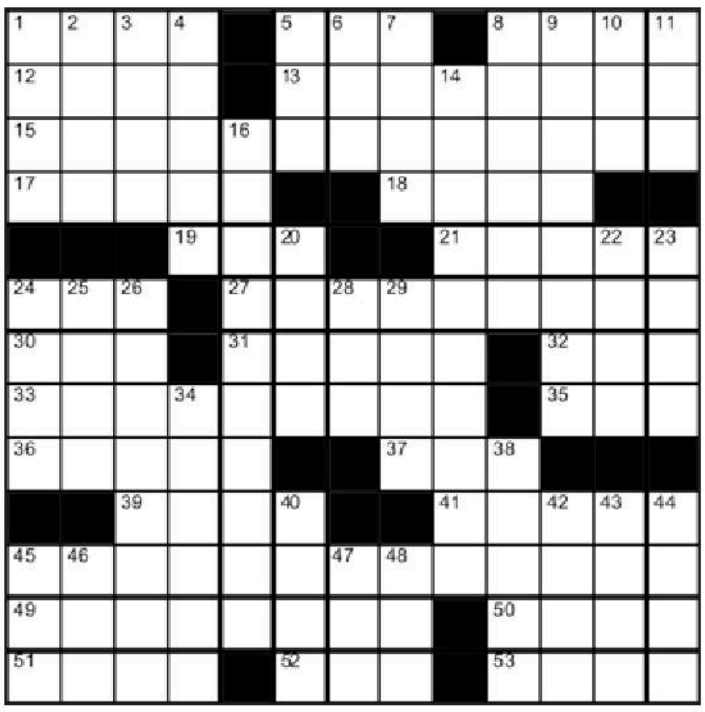

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

BOGIXFM VLWF IXF VLP. PLWFT KFGKOF XLDF

ORIIOF GJ PG RPCOZFPBF GP MGBRFIA.

TODAY'S CLUE: P EQUALS N

Friday's Cryptoquip: Study without desire spoils the memory, and it retains nothing that it takes in.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Kavaludaari	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
Revenge	Lakshmi	2443584	2 Shows
Kavacha	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Night Out	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Yajamana	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Rugged	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Panchatantra	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
HINDI			
PM Narendra Modi	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Hellboy	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
World of Fashion	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Hellboy	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Majili	Lakshmi	2443584	2 Shows
MALAYALAM			
Madhura Raja	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Adanga Maru	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
-----	Lido	2420885	4 Shows

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Dumbo (E-3D)	(S-1)	11.15 am
Watchman (Ta)	(S-1)	1.45 pm
Hellboy (E)	(S-1)	4.30 pm, 7.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Virupaa (K)	(S-2)	11 am
Uriyadi-2 (Ta)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Bell Bottom (K)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
	(S-4)	10.45 am
The Tashkent Files (H)	(S-2)	6.50 pm
Madhura Raja (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Chitralahari (Te)	(S-3)	11 am, 9.55 pm
Kavaludarri (K)	(S-3)	1.35 pm, 7.00 pm
The Least of These (E)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Shazam ! (E)	(S-4)	1.20 pm, 9.55 pm
Kavacha (K)	(S-4)	3.55 pm, 6.55 pm

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Kavaludaari (K)	(S-2)	10.10 am, 3.50 pm, 6.50 pm
Uriyadi - 2 (Ta)	(S-3)	2.30 pm
Hellboy (E)	(S-1)	10.00 am, 3.55 pm, 9.40 pm
	(S-4)	7.05 pm
Chitralahari (Te)	(S-2)	1.05 pm; (S-3) 9.55 pm
Pet Sematary (E)	(S-4)	9.50 am, 4.45 pm, 9.45 pm
Shazam (E)	(S-3)	5.00 pm; (S- 2) 9.50 pm
Kavacha (K)	(S-1)	12.40 pm
Madhura Raja (Ma)	(S-1)	6.35 pm
Watchman (Ta)	(S-3)	7.45 pm
Romeo Akbar Walter (H)	(S-4)	1.45 pm
Jai Kesari Nandana (K)	(S-4)	11.00 am
Night Out (K)	(S-3)	12.05 pm

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Kavacha (K)	9.40 am, 1 pm
Uriyadi 2 (Ta)	10.15 am
Hellboy (E)	10.45 am, 4 pm, 7:15 pm, 10 pm
Jai Kesari Nandana (K)	11 am
Majili (Te)	12.45 pm, 6.45 pm
Shazam ! (E)	1.30 pm
Kavaludaari (K)	2.00 pm, 6.45 pm
Pet Sematary (E)	4.20 pm, 10 pm
Chitralahari (Te)	4.25 pm, 9.50 pm
Night Out (K)	5.05 pm
Watchman (Ta)	7.45 pm
Madhura Raja (Ma)	10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (APR.15)

Tulu Shivalli Madhwa Brahma Mahamandali, Mysuru Branch: Sauramana Ugadi celebrations, Sri Satyanarayana Puja, Prasadam Distribution, **4 pm;** Prize Distribution to the winners of Talent Hunt Contest, **5 pm;** Ugadi Fest Cultural Programme, Sri Krishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **5.30 pm.**

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Vighneshwara Prakashana, Mysuru: Book release — Poet Mahesh Huyilalu's 'Geechu' (a poetry collection) — by littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishna Kumar (CPK), Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presides, poet Dr. Jayappa Honnali speaks about the book, Excel Publi School Principal K.G. Mathew, Vighneshwara Prakashana Publisher Omkarappa and poet Mahesh Huyilalu chief guests, Maneyangala, Kalamandira premises, **4.30 pm.**

Sri Mahalakshmi Charitable Trust, Mysuru: Pratibha Puraskar for Sri Mahalakshmi Sweets Employees' Children and Students, felicitation to Chamarajanagar Deenabandhu Trust Hon. Secretary Prof. G.S. Jayadeva, Pandavapura Pusthakamane's Ankegowda and progressive natural farmers M. Rechanna & Santosh Rayappa Kittur; Swami Athmajnanandaji graces the occasion, novelist Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa inaugurates, Star of Mysore and Mysooru Mithra Editor-in-Chief K.B. Ganapathy and MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag chief guests; Cultural Programme — Sangeetha Sanje by Hemachandra and troupe, Hasya Sanje by Mimicry Gopi, Madhava Shenoy Kalyana Mantapa, Vishweshwaranagar, near Maharshi Public School, **5 pm.**

Gejjenada Nritya Shale, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage: Guruvandana Programme, senior writer Dr. Pradeep Kumar Hebri presides, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna chief guest, Guruvandana to Vidu. Dr. P.M. Chetana Radhakrishna (Director, Gurudeva Lalithakala Academy, Mandya and Mysuru), dance programme by students of Gejjenada Nritya Shale, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Bhavan, No.1, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **5 pm.**

Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Srirampet: 129th anniversary celebration of Sri Vikari Nama Samvatsara, discourse on 'Ramayana' by retd. Engineer and Vidwan K. Ramachandra, Temple premises, **5 pm to 6 pm;** Vocal recital by Vid. Sri Sikkil Gurucharan, accompanied on violin by Vid. Vittal Rangan, mridanga by Maestro Umayalpuram Sivaraman and khanjira by Vid. Giridhar Udupa, Alamma Choultry, Kunchitagara Sangha, Srirampet, **6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**

Sri Sitarama Temple Trust, Railway Colony: Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Devaranama by Sanjeevini Bhajana Mandali, Sri Sitarama Temple premises, **6 pm.**

Sri Rama Temple, Palace North Gate: Sri Ramanavami Cultural Programmes — Bhajans by Shivaranjani Bhajana Mandali, **6 pm;** Devaranama by Sneha Bharati Mahila Samaja, Temple premises, **7 pm.**

Sri Mahajana Sabha and Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira: 90th Sri Ramotsava, Discourse on 'Sundarakanda' by Vid. Raghavendra Achar, Sri Rama Mandira premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 9 pm.**

Sri Ramaseva Mandali Charitable Trust, Mysuru North: 25th Ramanavami Music Festival, vocal recital by Vid. Maharajapuram Ramachandran, accompanied by Mysore V. Srikanth, Akshay Anand and V.S. Ramesh, Sri Prasanna Parvathi Kalyana Mantapa, V.V. Mohalla, **6.15 pm.**

Sri Rama Bhakta Vrinda Seva Trust, Sri Rama Mandira, J.P. Nagar: Sri Ramanavami Cultural Programme, **6.30 pm;** Sugama Sangeetha by B.R. Srikara of 'Yede Tumbi Haaduvenu' fame and troupe, Chamundipuram, Sri Rama Mandira premises, **8.30 pm.**

Sri Rama Seva Mandali, Sri Shankaranarayanaswamy Temple, Chamundipuram: Sri Ramotsava, Bharatanatyam by Vidu. Smriti Vishwanath, Bengaluru (disciple of Vidu. Nirupama Rajendra and Vid. Rajendra, Bengaluru), Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**

Ganavisharada Shri Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetarama Mandira: 103rd Ramanavami Music Festival, vocal concert by Vid. TNS Krishna from Chennai (son and disciple of Sangeetha Kalanidhi Madurai T.N. Seshagopalan), accompanied by Vidu. Aditi Krishnaprakash on violin, Vid. H.S. Sudheendra on mridanga and Vid. Phaneendra Bhaskar on ghata, Mandira premises, Devaraja Mohalla, **6.30 pm.**

Rangataranga, Mysuru: Staging of journalist Ganesh Amingad's play 'Mulugade,' thinker Prof. Kalegowda Nagawara inaugurates, theatre artiste Rajashekar Kadamba, social worker K. Raghuram, Hotel Owners Association Vice-President Ravi Shastri, journalist Amshi Prasannakumar and Kannada Pusthaka Pradhikara stall's Ningaraju Chittannanavar chief guests, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

Avadhoota Datta Peetham: Discourse on 'Srimad Bhagavatha Dashama Skanda' by Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji, Ganapathy Ashrama premises, Mysuru-Ooty Road, **7 pm to 9 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APR.16)

Sri Rama Temple, Palace North Gate: Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Abhisheka, Parayana, Archane and other puja rituals, **8 am;** Sri Gayatri Homa, **9 am;** Cultural Programmes — Sugama Sangeetha by Harshita and troupe, **6 pm;** 'Harihathe' by Malini, Temple premises, **7 pm.**

Sri Rama Bhakta Vrinda Seva Trust, Sri Rama Mandira, J.P. Nagar: Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Sri Rama Pattabhisheka Programme, **8 am;** Rathotsava, **11 am;** Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, **12 noon;** Cultural Programme, **6.30 pm;** Bharatanayam by Vidu. T.A. Deepti, Mahadevapura (J.P. Nagar), Chamundipuram, Sri Rama Mandira premises, **8.30 pm.**

Sri Mahajana Sabha and Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira: 90th Sri Ramotsava, Bhajans by Sri Sathyanarayana Bhajana Mandali, **10 am;** Vasantotsava, **11 am;** Bhajans by Chitkala Mahila Sangha, **4 pm to 5 pm;** Vishnu Sahasranama by Vishnu Parayana Mandali, **5 pm to 6 pm;** Vocal duet by H.K. Rekha and H.K. Shashwati, **6.15 pm;** Hanumanthotsava, procession in main thoroughfares, Sri Rama Mandira premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 9 pm.**

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Sri Sitarama Temple Trust, Railway Colony: Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Devotional Songs contest by Railway Workshop Art Troupe, Bhajana Mandali, Sri Sitarama Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**

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Sri Rama Seva Mandali, Sri Shankaranarayanaswamy Temple, Chamundipuram: Sri Ramotsava, Special Religious Programme 'Durga Deepa Namaskara' led by Sripati Tantri, Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**

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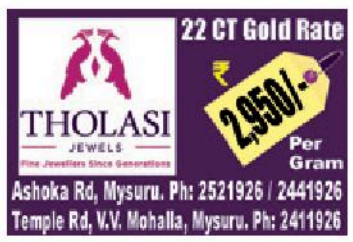

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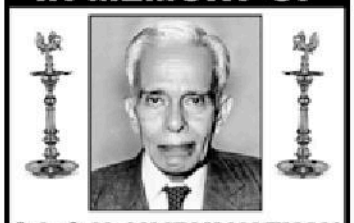

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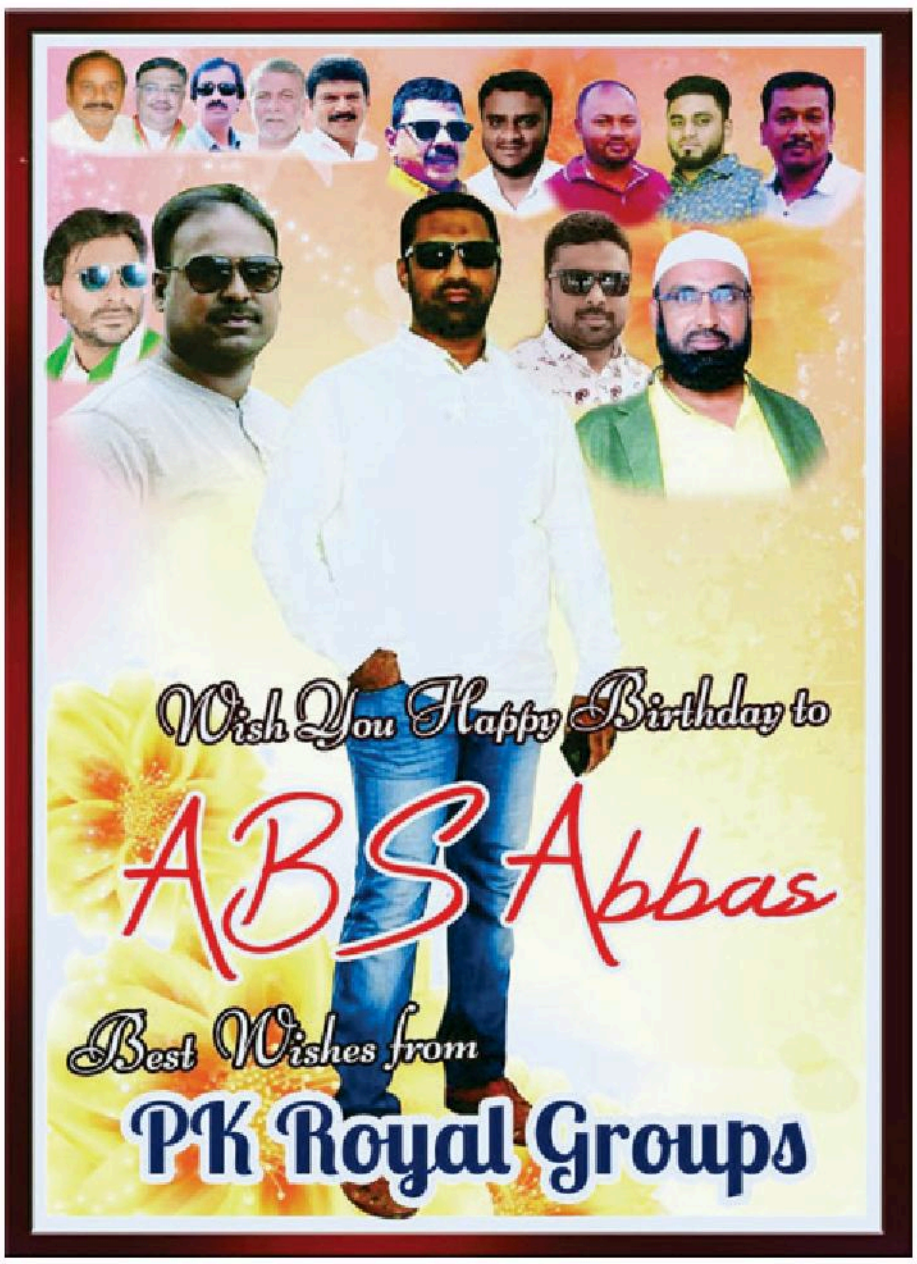

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